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Judges uphold manslaughter verdict

Woodward is free to return home

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN BOSTON, TOM RHODES AND RUSSELL JENKINS

LOUISE WOODWARD was preparing to fly home to Britain last night after the Massachusetts Supreme Court upheld her conviction and "time served" sentence for the manslaughter of an eight-month-old baby in her care.

In a split decision, the court rejected the prosecution's appeal for the jury's murder verdict to be reinstated and for her to be jailed — but it dashed the 19-year-old au pair's hopes of clearing her name.

She always claimed that she did nothing to harm Matthew Eappen, who died of head injuries in February last year. However, the appeal ruling not only emphasised that she remains convicted of causing an infant's violent death, but three of the seven judges also recommended that she should never again be allowed to look after other people's children.

The three judges also said that neither Woodward nor her associates should profit from the sale of her story. And within hours of the ruling, the Eappen family took steps to ensure that Woodward could never cash in on their son's death by filing a "wrongful death" suit against her at the federal court in Boston. The action will not prevent her leaving America, but seeks to bar her from making television, book or film deals about the killing.

Tabloid newspapers and film companies are already vying for the rights to the Woodward story — estimated last night to be worth about £400,000 — but all insisted that they had no intention of paying Woodward. The au pair and her family have also said that they would not take any money for their account.



Susan Woodward: stunned but delighted

Woodward was not in court to hear the appeal ruling — she was asleep and had to be woken by her father, Gary, to be told that she was free to go home. He said that she cried on hearing the news. Susan Woodward, who was at home in Elton, Cheshire, spoke to her daughter on the telephone and then described the decision as "absolutely fantastic".

But Woodward's lawyers said later that she was disappointed not to have secured a final acquittal. "She maintains her innocence," Andrew Good said. "The outcome of this case is, in our view, erroneous and a miscarriage of justice." But he added: "We realise the outcome could have been much worse." Woodward's passport would now be released, although that could take anything from 24 hours to three weeks.

In the meantime, the defence team intended to launch an independent scientific inquiry of the evidence about Matthew's death in a further attempt to prove the au pair's innocence. During the trial, the defence had argued that the baby had died after an old wound haemorrhaged.

In Elton, the Woodwards' lawyer, Paul Barrow, said the family wanted to express their relief that "Louise's ordeal is finally coming to an end". "It is the family's dearest wish that they be reunited again as soon as possible." Once they were all back on British soil, they would speak publicly, he said — apparently to dispel rumours that they had sold their story to a newspaper.

The yellow ribbons are still tied to every tree and lamppost in Elton, but reaction to the news from America yesterday was muted as most villagers — stung by accusations of indecorous behaviour when Woodward was released last November — sought to avoid accusations of triumphalism.

The Rev Ken Davey, chairman of the Woodward appeal fund trustees, said: "I am obviously very pleased that she will at last be able to come back. We have still not got to lose sight of the fact that there is a dead baby at the end of it, and we still feel for the Eappen family. I am sure Louise will be longing to get her life back to normal."

Matthew's parents, Deborah and Sunnil Eappen, made no comment on the decision, but the boy's grandmother said that she was distressed by it. "I'm not angry, but you lose faith in the justice system."

The ruling yesterday ended seven months of suspense after Judge Hiller B. Zobel overturned the jury's murder verdict and mandatory life sentence, replacing it with one of involuntary manslaughter and a sentence of 279 days in jail — the time she had spent awaiting trial. Both sides appealed and after hearing the arguments, the Supreme Court judges took 17 weeks to hand down their decision.

They upheld Judge Zobel's right to overturn the verdict, but criticised him for allowing the defence to adopt a "murder or acquittal" strategy that prevented the jury from considering the lesser charge of manslaughter.

The dissenting judges had wanted Woodward to be returned to the Middlesex County Superior Court where she stood trial to be sentenced by another judge, but the majority ruled that Judge Zobel had lawfully freed her. They also rejected the prosecution's argument that the sentence was "tantamount to an acquittal" and said: "She stands guilty of causing an infant's violent death... The conviction of manslaughter, together with the sentence imposed, shall stand."

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Louise Woodward: was asleep when the appeal verdict was delivered. She could be home within days.

Inflation leap fuels fears of rate rise

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS EDITOR

INFLATION jumped to its highest level for six years last month, fanning speculation in the City that interest rates will rise again.

Headline inflation rose to 4.2 per cent from 4.0 per cent in April. This was its highest level since May, 1992. Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage payments, moved further above the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less, jumping to 3.2 per cent in May from 3.0 per cent in April. This measure of inflation now stands at its highest level since November, 1996.

Sterling jumped to its strongest level for six weeks as the City priced in another rise in base rates.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that the inflation figures were clearly not comfortable and that the economy was closer to overheating than it had been for a long time.

His remarks were pounced on by the financial markets because Mr George had blocked rate rises throughout the spring, arguing that the economy was slowing of its own accord. His comments yesterday suggested that he changed his mind and joined the hawkish camp on the Monetary Policy Committee to push through a 0.25 per cent rise in base rates earlier this month.

It also emerged that members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, charged with setting interest rates each month, had not been privy to the Chancellor's public spending plans when they unexpectedly decided to raise base rates this month.

The City now fears that the committee will incorporate looser fiscal policy into its calculations, making a further rate rise even more likely.

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French expel British hooligans in bid to deter trouble-makers

BY BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRENCH authorities yesterday expelled five English soccer hooligans from the country and detained more than 50 Scottish fans described as "known hooligan leaders" in Bordeaux in a crackdown after the riots by England supporters in Marseilles.

Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the Interior Minister, said he was deporting five English fans and one Tunisian supporter involved in the fighting in Marseilles under emergency laws "to send a message of firmness to the trouble-makers". M Chevènement said the six deportees were "particularly violent, each having inflicted wounds and blows by throwing stones and bottles" in Marseilles on Sunday and Monday.

They were arrested during disturbances before and during the England-Tunisia match and the move to send them back to Britain will disappoint British police acting as advisers to the French, who have strongly urged that trouble-makers be given prison sentences.

The expelled fans, who were briefly brought before a Marseilles magistrate before being shipped home, will be able to return to France since they have not been convicted of any crime. Without a court conviction, British authorities cannot impose a restriction order.

The decision to expell a foreigner without trial is at the discretion of the interior ministry and is justified in cases where there is held to be an "imminent threat to public order".

The French Prime Minister yesterday defended tough police action against "drunken and racist" English hooligans. Speaking at the end of the European Union summit in Cardiff, Lionel Jospin said Tony Blair had expressed his regrets to him about the behaviour of English supporters. But M Jospin said it was only about 500 or 600 fans out of 20,000 supporters and they should not be passing judgment on all of them.

He defended the French police against accusations that they had been provocative. "If several hundred drunken and racist individuals try to create this kind of violence then the police do what they have to do. It is very difficult for the police to intervene as soon as they see a group of young men getting drunk and shouting."

An English football fan last night admitted throwing bottles at police at the height of trouble in Marseilles, on Sunday night, before his country's first World Cup game.

A special court in Marseilles was told Liam Yeomans, 26, a

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SCOTLAND KEEP HOPES ALIVE

Scotland kept alive their hopes of qualiying for the second round of the World Cup for the first time when they drew 1-1 with Norway yesterday in Bordeaux. Craig Burley equalised for the Scots in the 67th minute after Havard Flo had given the Norwegians the lead seconds after half time. Scotland, who lost 2-1 to Brazil in the opening game of the tournament, face Morocco in a decisive match on June 23. The match in the Stade Lescure provided a textook example of exemplary behaviour from both sets of fans, with the colourful Scots draped in the blue and white flag, sporting every shade of tartan, their Tam o' Shanters and carrot-coloured wigs.

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Come Sunday, you'll be mopping your brow

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

THE summer is expected to begin in earnest this weekend after a hitherto soggy start, according to meteorologists. The independent WeatherCentre predicts soaring temperatures and bright sunshine to coincide with the start of Wimbledon on Monday.

Temperatures of up to 85F (29C) in London and the south east are promised, as a warm front from southern Spain pushes out the wintry weather that has plagued Britain for the past three weeks. "We have had a number of storm fronts coming in across the Atlantic that have brought this wet, dreary weather of late, and temperatures as low as 59F (15C)," said meteorologist James West at the WeatherCentre.

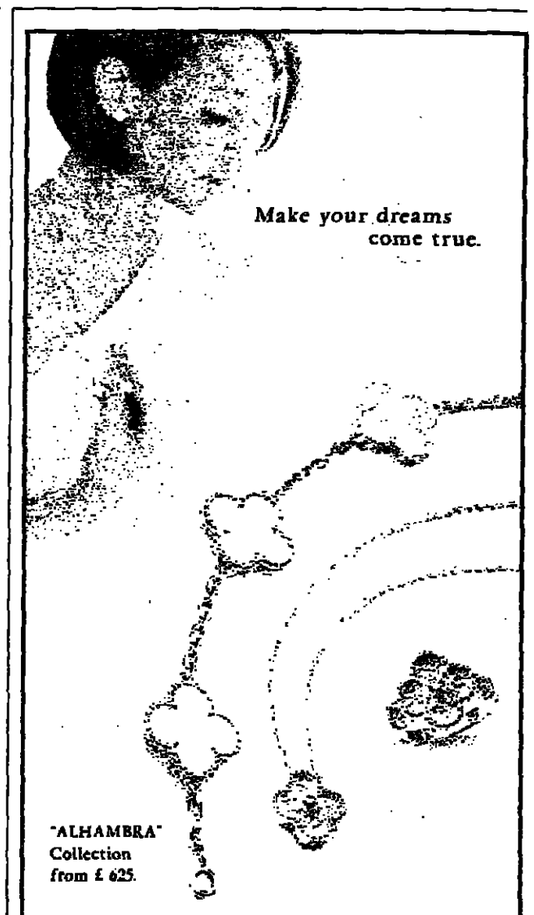
However, in Scotland and the North, temperatures will stay around the 68F (20C) mark for most of the weekend. "For them the outlook is not so bright and also for people living in coastal areas, fog will bring down average temperatures by about a quarter," said Mr West. The WeatherCentre's equipment can chart developments for the next four days, but Mr West is confident that summer has finally arrived. "The storms that have tracked the British Isles will not return with these unseasonably low temperatures. The problem has been cloud cover that has stopped the sun warming up the atmosphere. And we have been jammed between cooler polar air and warm tropical air which is moist and has brought with it a lot of rain," he said.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund urged people to be sensible in the sun and to stock up on sun tan oil, especially if watching the tennis at Wimbledon. "It is quite easy to get caught out in this country," said a spokesman. "People who make sure they are protected when they are abroad think the sun in Britain isn't strong enough to harm them, but it is."

The predicted heatwave is welcome news for manufacturers and retailers of seasonal products such as barbecues and ice cream, who have seen the recent heavy rain dampen sales.

A spokeswoman for DIY chain B&Q said stores were bracing themselves for an influx of customers looking for barbecues, patio furniture and garden products.

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Widdecombe turns the other chic to give Labour dressing-down

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A vicious rumour about Ann Widdecombe was fuelled yesterday: she's looking good. To suggest that the defiantly unfashion-conscious new opposition health spokeswoman might give a moment's thought to her appearance will be regarded by her as the wildest slur — I risk a libel action — but the allegation must be made. She was almost chic.

For her debut speech in yesterday's health debate Miss Widdecombe chose — if not a little black dress — then at least a *medium*-sized black dress.

And beyond appearance there was substance. The House heard an exceptionally well-written and passably well-delivered speech which, as the fearsome Miss Widdecombe got into her stride, had the handful of Labour backbenchers present looking cowed, if not convinced: if not defeated, scared.

With her sharp-beaked new pet, junior spokesman Alan Duncan, at her side — a hawk light enough to rest on her wrist were she to wear a leather falconer's gauntlet — she rose to a good cheer and an expression of implacable mirth on the bearded countenance of her foe, the Health Secretary Frank Dobson. As she plunged on he found the mirth hard to sustain.

I wonder whether, buried deep in that formidable bosom, there resides a secret hope of the highest office? Her debating style is not unlike Margaret Thatcher's, but, if anything, more intelligent. Her tactic is to hurl facts and accusations until the enemy squeal — then shout them down as they do so. When combat threatens to become technical she reaches for the vocabulary of the classroom or kitchen.

"Always somebody else's fault!" she yelled, like a teacher refusing to take further excuses, when Mr Dobson tried to blame his altered timetables on Tory statistics. "In a *minute*!" she barked, as a Labour backbencher rose to interrupt with a question; then, when she was ready to hear him, "*Yes*!". If yesterday she did not quite snap "next!" at an interruptor she was ready to take, then she will. How long before she chants: "Come on if yer hard enough!"?

Few were. Bruce Grocott, the Prime Minister's parliamentary private secretary, tried to extract Tory health spending plans from her. She told him not to bother looking into the crystal ball when he could read the book. Another poodle tried to trip her with figures for extra spending in her own county of Kent. "I'm coming to Kent," she growled. From Miss Widdecombe this sounds more threat than procrastination.

Labour's "people's pledges" were portable, she cried; the Health Department's financial settlement was "frankly pathetic". Mr Dobson should hang his head in shame for staging nurses' pay rises — when he had voted to take his own all at once.

She roared halfway into an arresting phrase: "In Oxfordshire the outleak is especially blook" before realising she meant the outlook was especially bleak, and took a second run at it. When Miss Widdecombe works up momentum she threatens to come right off the road.

And she yodels! Perhaps it is the excitement, but the Shadow Health Secretary's voice keeps breaking on unexpected words — and leaping an octave up, for just a syllable.

Thus, yesterday: "the entire STRUCture of Labour's health reforms." Or, even more surprisingly, the final digit in a list: "the thirtieth of June, nineteen ninety-NINE."

By the time she sat down, Mr Dobson was rattled. So rattled that when Mr Duncan asked him "what was 'early' about Labour's early pledge" to cut waiting lists, Mr Dobson floundered: "It was certainly early, and we *are* doing something about it."

Tourism demand brings its own Troubles

BY MARTIN FLETCHER
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AFTER 30 years in which his IRA associates helped to make West Belfast an international byword for violence and destruction, Gerry Adams now wants to turn his constituency into a tourist haven.

Having achieved a political accommodation, the Sinn Fein president yesterday teamed up with Roy Bailie, chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, to open a seminar for more than 100 of his constituents on how to open their homes to paying guests.

The one thing West Belfast does not lack is notoriety. Foreign visitors pack the bus tours that take them past the great steel "peace walls", the paramilitary murals and the sites of past atrocities.

"There's a certain historical and educational aspect to all of this," Mr Adams allowed, though he prefers to focus on West Belfast's festivals, rich culture, surrounding hills and proximity of the Antrim glens. "This is a very beautiful place. People want to join the *craic*, enjoy the music, soak up the atmosphere."

There is, however, just one hotel and not a single registered bed-and-breakfast establishment. "The big problem is that people come into West Belfast during the day then bed down in the city centre."

The blame lies, inevitably, with the British Government — or at least its representatives in the tourist board — for demanding too-high standards. "People don't necessarily need a penthouse if they want to stay in Andersonstown or Ballymurphy," Mr Adams said.

Orangemen will parade to avoid flashpoints

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Orange Order yesterday raised hopes that the first highly contentious parade of Northern Ireland's marching season would pass off without violence when it reluctantly accepted restrictions imposed by the Parades Commission.

After meeting police chiefs, the Order's leaders in North Belfast agreed to re-route Friday's biennial "Tour of the North" parade so it avoided nationalist flashpoints. Instead representatives will walk up to police lines guarding those areas, hand over a letter of protest, and march on.

Bill Murdie, one of the organisers, said the Order wanted to avoid the widespread rioting caused by the 1996 parade. Some grassroots members would object to its decision but "it's up to us as leaders of the group to try to persuade them that this is the right way forward".

He said 300 Protestants had been murdered in North Belfast over the past 30 years and 22 Protestant families intimidated from the area after the last parade. "In no way do we want to contribute to such a situation," he added.

Mr Murdie also suggested the Order should begin meeting nationalist residents' groups with no links to Sinn Fein. "There is nothing wrong in my view in having dialogue with genuine people, who will recognise that there are two traditions living in Northern Ireland."

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said the organisers of the march had showed a constructive attitude which would receive wide support.

Bill Stewart, the Royal Ulster Constabulary's Assistant Chief Constable, said the Order's decision would be greeted with relief. "That they have faced up to their responsibilities in a constructive and positive way offers us all an opportunity to move forward without the threat of confrontation," he said. "What is now vital is that everyone else accepts their responsibilities ... There is certainly no excuse for violence."

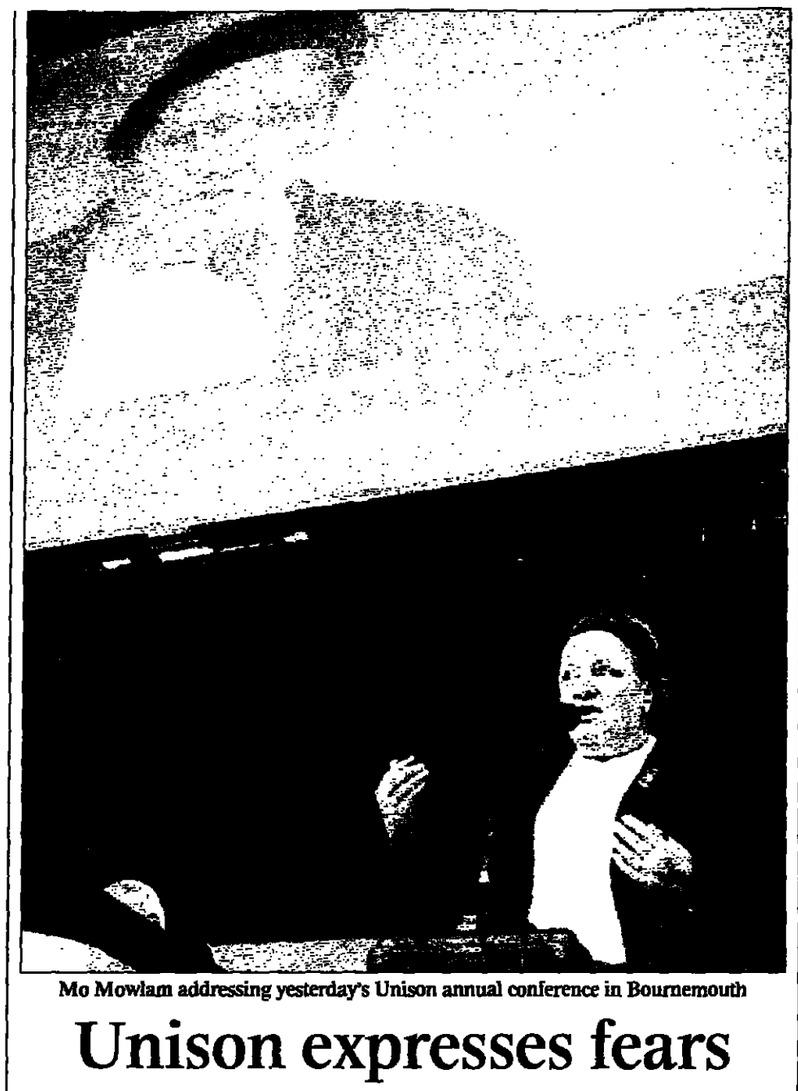
David Alderdice, the Mayor of Belfast who helped parade organisers to reach their decision, welcomed the development and said dialogue was the only way forward.

The Parades Commission imposed the restrictions because next week's elections to Northern Ireland's assembly rendered the parade "even more explosive than in 1996". It criticised the Order for refusing to talk to any of the residents' groups.

The Commission must shortly rule on the most contentious march — the Order's annual Drumcree parade on July 5 which passes along Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road. Any attempt to re-route that parade would provoke a furious reaction.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, will today meet Alastair Graham, chairman of the Commission. Mr Trimble will be accompanied by Cecil Walker, the MP for North Belfast, and three other leading members of the party, including two from Portadown.

In April Tony Blair dissuaded the Commission from publishing a preliminary view lest a proposal of that sort destroyed Unionist support for the Good Friday peace agreement before the referendum.



Mo Mowlam addressing yesterday's Unison annual conference in Bournemouth

Unison expresses fears for public pay packets

LEADERS of Britain's biggest union voiced serious concerns yesterday over the pay and jobs of public-sector workers under the Chancellor's plans to keep a tight rein on spending.

The executive of Unison complained that Gordon Brown's decision to set spending limits for the rest of this parliament would have a "profound effect" on the future of public services.

In a statement released as the union's annual conference opened in Bournemouth, the NEC welcomed the prospect of extra spending on health and education but added there was a "grave danger" that spending on pay could be hit.

"People are as important as buildings and it is no good increasing investments if there is not the money to employ committed staff at decent rates of pay to provide the service," said the statement.

The executive said the Chancellor's plans would not allow the widening pay gap between public and private sector workers to be tackled. The union leadership also criticised the Chancellor's proposals to sell off parts of the Civil Air Traffic Control, the Tote and the Royal Mint, which it described as unacceptable.

Unison's general secretary, Rodney Bickerstaffe, welcomed the prospect of a national minimum wage, to be introduced next year, but called for a higher figure than the recommended £3.60 an hour.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MoD told to sell off land and properties

The Ministry of Defence owns more properties and land than it needs, following the extensive cuts in manpower and military spending since the end of the Cold War, a National Audit Office report concluded yesterday. The MoD had failed to restructure according to operational requirements, the independent watchdog said, although it praised the Royal Navy for categorising its sites "according to a long-term need".

Excluding training land, the ministry owned about 2,600 sites and more than 48,000 buildings on an estate covering 80,600 hectares (about 201,000 acres) in 1,800 locations, which had been given an accounting value of £10 billion. Another 50 sites still had to be valued, the NAO said. Since 1990, defence spending had been cut by 26 per cent and manpower numbers in the United Kingdom by 23 per cent yet the size of the MoD's "built estate" had been reduced by only five per cent. The NAO report said the MoD should be trying to sell off some of the high-value properties.

Support for Forces gays

The head of RAF personnel has given his support for lifting the ban on homosexuals serving in the Armed Forces. Air Chief Marshal Sir David Cousins told the *Birmingham Post*: "If the Government decided on a fully open policy with strict rules like those which govern other sexual behaviour in the forces, then I think we could make it work." An RAF spokesman said that the official view remained that homosexuality was not compatible with service life.

BBC staff hived off

The Government yesterday gave the BBC permission to turn its resources division into a separate wholly owned subsidiary — one of the main issues behind the 24-hour strike earlier this month. Culture secretary Chris Smith said yesterday, however, that there could be no privatisation of the new subsidiary without his permission. About two thirds of the 6,700 technical staff of BBC Resources will join the new company, which will be incorporated on July 1.

Defeat on schools Bill

The Government last night suffered its twenty-second defeat in the Lords when peers backed a Tory move to allow councils to pay for poor children to go to private schools. An alliance of 114 Tory, Liberal Democrat and crossbench peers defeated Labour by one vote during the committee stage of the School Standards and Framework Bill. They backed an amendment which would effectively allow councils to set up their own version of the Assisted Places Scheme.

Prisoner loses mobility

A businessman who masterminded a sophisticated £500,000 fraud from his prison cell on a mobile phone was back behind bars yesterday. Conman David Aves, who hit the headlines three years ago when he forged his own release papers from jail, used three portable phones smuggled into the prison to carry out a string of "stings" after the authorities banned him from using the jail's own payphone.

GP in court breakdown



A woman GP, dubbed an "inveterate liar" by a former colleague who wants her jailed, had a "nervous breakdown" yesterday when the stress of a High Court hearing proved too much for her. The trial, in which Dr Malcolm Smith, 42, is trying to have Dr Alanah Houston, right, jailed for alleged contempt, was in its final stages when she failed to turn up. The case was adjourned.

Fewer suicides by men

The growing use of catalytic converters on car exhausts has led to a sharp decline in suicide rates among men in the 1990s, research by the Office of National Statistics has found. Lower levels of carbon monoxide in fumes from vehicles fitted with the devices, which became mandatory on new sales in 1993, have made it much much harder to commit suicide by exhaust poisoning, once the most common method among British men.

First blind JPs are appointed by Irvine

THE first blind or visually-impaired people to be appointed as magistrates were announced by the Lord Chancellor yesterday. (Frances Gibb writes).

They were appointed by Lord Irvine of Lairg after a pilot exercise to find blind or partially-sighted candidates who might sit as JPs. They went through the same selection process as other candidates and will undergo training in the same way as other newly-appointed magistrates. They are expected to begin sitting early in 1999.

Lynda Belton, who will sit in Leicester, said: "I am very pleased to be accepted by the Lord Chancellor for appointment to the magistracy after two very interesting and thorough interviews.

"I look forward to sitting as a magistrate and fulfilling my duties on the bench. As a visually impaired person, I am delighted that the Lord Chancellor has sought to recognise the valuable contribution that we can make to the judicial system.

She said that in Leicester alone there were more than 5000 visually impaired people and "it is good to know that they are represented in the magistracy."

French expel British hooligans

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tiler from Leicester, was arrested shortly after trouble began in the old port area on Sunday evening. Mark Thompson, 31, a railway worker from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, admitted a similar charge. They were due to be sentenced later last night (Tues).

Three other fans have denied public disorder charges: Shane Radford, 22 of London; Alan Libbiard, 27 a postman from Leeds and Stephen Powell, 25 of Harrogate.

Another 31 England fans were due to appear at special courts last night in connection with violence.

The Italian and German press led a barrage of criticism of English soccer hooliganism yesterday.

The Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* said the English fans in France were the real face of "the ignorant side' of Blair's Britain.

The decline of Britain from hip European fast-laner to a primitive Pict-like tribal society that most occupied the serious German commentators. The sternest assessment came from the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which said that while Mr Blair was presenting a sunny picture of Europe in Cardiff, "his fellow countrymen were providing a crude counterpoint of collective violence, uninhibited vandalism and racism".

"They conformed to the common picture of English football fans: tattooed contemporaries with ambitions only to drink the remaining pathetic dregs of reason out of their skulls and to supply their own team with a backdrop of permanent intoxicated rioting." The hooligan, said Germany's most respected newspaper, is "a particularly English creation, drawn from the working class, whose natural habitat is the pub and whose intellectual horizon is confined to an overwrought, usually racist and far right stew of half-baked ideas. There are people who abuse football in other countries, but nobody to match the English in numbers and aggression".

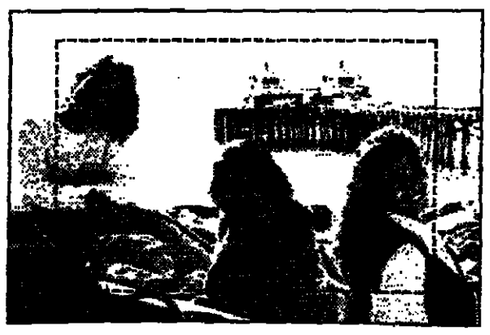
"So what's new?," asked *La Repubblica*, under the front page headline. "It's always them, and it always gets worse."

With two fingers raised, trousers down, bare buttocked, with a burning desire to see blood run — these were all too typical of British behaviour, *La Repubblica* said. "The popular tabloids may write about shame, yet the same rags pay some hothead's expenses so that he can publish his diary of how he screwed the police and devastated every bar in sight."

La Stampa declared on its front page that hooliganism appeared to be "an aspect of English society", but it was an aspect which "the English should not export abroad."

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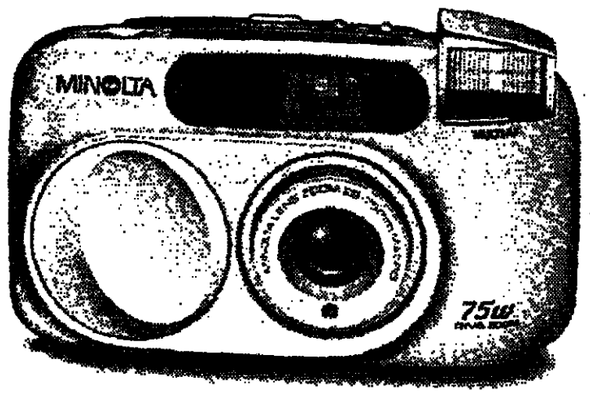
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Woodward remains a convicted felon

Nanny should not be allowed to care for children and be prevented from making money from her crime, say judges

THE JUDGMENT

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN AND MARK HENDERSON

THE Massachusetts Supreme Court's long-awaited judgment on Louise Woodward's appeal against her conviction for manslaughter makes plain that the British au pair remains a convicted felon under American law and is anything but cleared of killing Matthew Eappen.

The document rejects prosecution claims that Judge Hiller B Zobel's decision to reduce her murder conviction to manslaughter was "tantamount to acquittal", and includes strongly worded passages recommending that Woodward not be allowed to care for children. There is also a stern warning that neither she nor her family should make money from Matthew's death, in a clear warning that she should not attempt to sell her story.

The court said: "Having had the opportunity to view all the witnesses face-to-face, including Woodward who testified, he (Judge Zobel) concluded that Woodward was guilty of a most serious crime — for manslaughter is such a crime. We do not view the judgment against Woodward as a light matter. She stands guilty of causing an infant's violent death. The outcome of this criminal trial most assuredly was not an 'acquittal'."

Her conviction was upheld, and three judges dissented from the seven-strong bench's majority decision not to overturn her "time-served" sentence of 279 days and have her resentenced by another judge. One of the dissenting judges, Justice Greaney, supported in part by Justice Abrams and Justice Ireland, recommended that Woodward be given a further term of probation subject to two conditions.

"First, as a felon convicted of a grave act of child abuse, Woodward should not in the future be entrusted with the care of the children of others, whether for remuneration or otherwise.

"Second, Woodward and her representatives or assignees should be prohibited from engaging in any activity generating any profit or financial benefit relating to the publication or dissemination by any form of media of facts or circumstances relating to her crime, her experience in the judicial system, or anything else associated with the tragic event for which she stands convicted.

"These measures comprise an appropriate remedy that would rectify any harm caused by the legal error, engender confidence in the fairness and impartiality of our judicial system, maintain the dignity and integrity of our courts, and bring rightful closure to this difficult case."

Referring to the "exceptional" plea deal in court, under which Woodward opted not to be tried for manslaughter, Justice Greaney wrote: "In no other case has the trial judge denied a request [by the prosecution] for a ... lesser included offence instruction *at the request of the defendant*, and subsequently reduced a verdict returned by the jury on the greater offence to the lesser offence *which the jury had been precluded from considering*."

Judge Zobel had "improperly acquiesced in Woodward's counselled position that such instruction should not be given".

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which had also appealed against Judge Zobel's ruling, also lost its case. The court's judgment, written on behalf of the majority by Justice Margaret Marshall, found that Judge Zobel had not overstepped his authority in overturning the jury's verdict that Woodward was guilty of second-degree murder.

In a densely-argued judgment, the majority was satisfied that Judge Zobel had acted lawfully and with judicial propriety. Having acted within his powers to reduce her conviction, Judge Zobel also acted "lawfully" in decreeing that her sentence should be one of 279 days. It said: "The dissent claims that this case is exceptional. It is not. Judges do reduce jury verdicts to some lesser degree of crime. The law permits them to do so. Judges regularly sentence defendants to time served. The law permits them to do it ... Because the sentence imposed by the judge is lawful, we decline to remand the case for consideration of an increase in the defendant's sentence.

"The conviction of manslaughter, together with the sentence imposed, shall stand."

Judge Zobel is criticised, in particular for refusing to allow the jury to consider a verdict of manslaughter along with those of first- and second-degree murder.

"It was peculiarly inappropriate for the judge to refuse to charge the jury on manslaughter when, as revealed by his subsequent order reducing the jury's verdict, in his view the evidence was not consonant with a conviction of murder," the court said.

"The jury, in reaching their verdict, surely must have concluded that the Commonwealth had proved beyond a reasonable doubt the element of causation — that Woodward's acts caused Matthew's fatal injury. By refusing to accede to the Commonwealth's request for a manslaughter instruction, the judge impermissibly prevented the jury from considering a lesser degree of culpability for Woodward." The mistake did not prejudice the case against Woodward, however, even though the judge had to some extent "marginalised the jury".

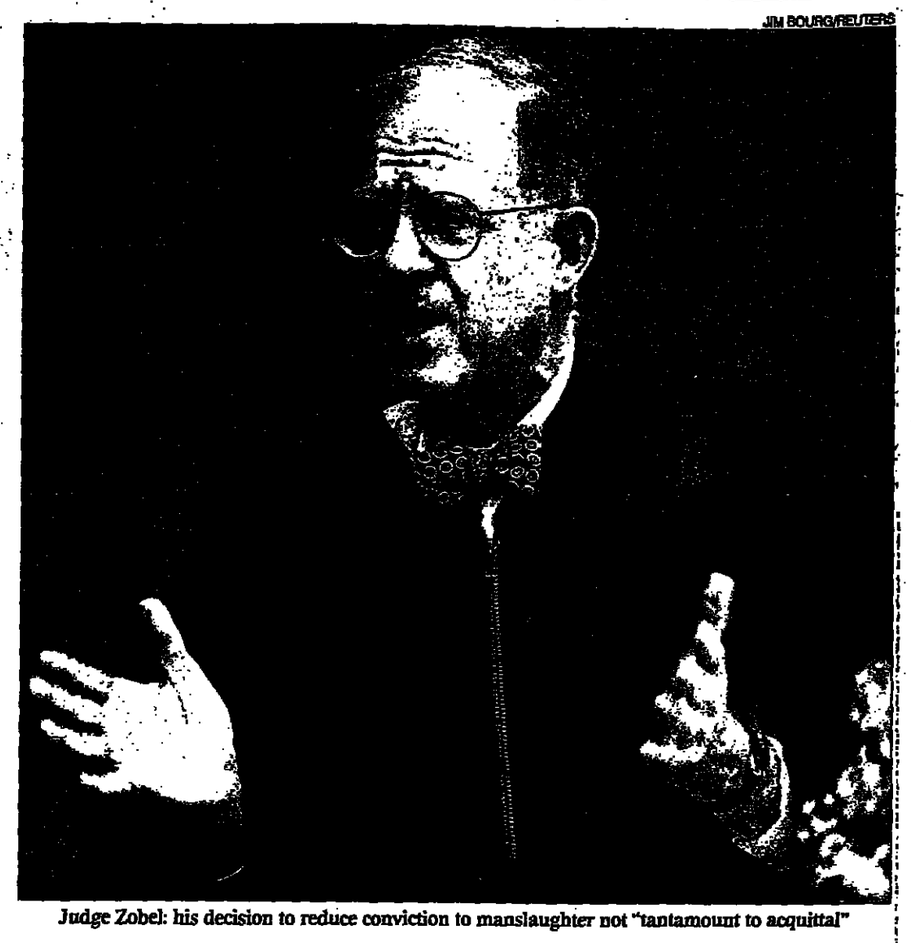
The court said: "We do not penalize a defendant for the error by the judge in this trial. We uphold this judge's reduction in verdict because, from our reading of the transcript and our review of all other reported murder and manslaughter convictions involving the battery of young children, we conclude that the judge acted within his discretion in determining that a conviction of manslaughter was more consonant with justice than a conviction of murder."

Woodward's claims seeking dismissal of the indictment against her or a required finding of not guilty were also rejected. Her argument that crucial evidence from Matthew's body was kept from her was rejected because its absence was deemed not to have prejudiced the case against her, even though there was a "reasonable possibility" it would have been favourable to her and was "material to Woodward's theory of the cause of Matthew's death".

"The loss of evidence in this case was not so overwhelmingly prejudicial as in other cases in which lost evidence was uniquely critical," the court ruled.

The ruling is the end of a long legal road for Woodward. There is no higher court to which she can appeal: to go to the US Supreme Court in Washington DC, she would have to show that her case has constitutional implications, something which she would be hard-pressed to demonstrate.

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Judge Zobel: his decision to reduce conviction to manslaughter not "tantamount to acquittal"

Print and film groups rush to tell her story

Daniel McGrory on the race by TV companies and tabloids to sign contracts but stay within the law

THE MEDIA

FILM companies were last night believed to be competing with a number of British tabloid newspapers to tell Louise Woodward's life story.

Mindful of the sternly worded warning from the Massachusetts judges that nobody should profit from the death of Matthew Eappen, all interested parties insisted that they were offering no money.

The *Daily Mail* hinted that it had secured exclusive rights to Woodward's version of the baby's death, but stressed: "We are not paying her any money". In a statement issued last night, the newspaper said: "The *Daily Mail* has always supported, and will continue to support, the Press Complaints Commission ruling that newspapers should not pay any money to convicted criminals."

The newspaper would not say whether it had ever paid money to any third party associated with Woodward.

At least one British film production company is known to have had discussions with her American lawyers about making a television mini-series of her life. The script would begin as she finished her A Levels and signed up with various US recruitment agencies to find a job as an au pair in America for a year before she went to university.

One estimate last night was that a combined deal with a publisher could be worth more than £400,000.

In public, the Woodward family have always protested their distaste at the idea of profiting from the tragedy. Last November, when Woodward was freed from prison, she gave a television interview insisting that nothing would induce her to take any money for her story.

When her family and supporters discovered that the recruitment agency would not fund her appeal and pay for her American lawyers, there were fears that the appeal fund could not meet the bills.

It was then that lawyers told the Woodwards of the potential of selling a story. Her father, Gary, insisted that he took no money for recent interviews to contest allegations that the family had misappropriated money from the fighting fund set up to support his daughter's appeal.

The Press Complaints Commission last night said it was up to Editors to decide whether they should pay Woodward for her story after considering the industry's Code of Practice. "An Editor will have to show that it was in the public interest" a spokesman said.

In the next fortnight the commission is expected to adjudicate over whether the convicted child killer Mary Bell should have been paid for her help in a book about her crime. *Cries Unheard*, by Gitta Sereny, was serialised in *The Times* but no money was paid to Bell. The commission is also investigating payments to the two British nurses, Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, by *The Express* and *Daily Mirror* after they were freed from a Saudi jail for killing a colleague.

Clause 16 of the Code of Practise states that "payment or offers of payment for stories, pictures or information, must not be made directly or through agents to convicted or confessed criminals or to their associates — who may include family, friends and colleagues — except where the material concerned ought to be published in the public interest and payment is necessary for this to be done".

The American judges ruled: "Woodward and her representatives or assignees should be prohibited from engaging in any activity generating any profit or financial benefit relating to the publication or dissemination by any form of media of facts or circumstances relating to her crime."

Ruling 'shakes my faith in the justice system'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE EAPPENS

THE grandmother of Matthew Eappen said the final ruling in the Louise Woodward case had destroyed her faith in the American legal system.

Sunil and Deborah Eappen, the dead baby's parents, made no comment as they left their home following the decision by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, but his grandmother, Achamma Eappen, said she was distressed that the British au pair latterly convicted of manslaughter in the eight-month-old's death was finally free.

"I'm not angry but you lose faith in the justice system, you really do," she said from her home in suburban Chicago.

Reaction was divided among legal experts in the United States. There was much criticism of the initial decision by the defence to forego a possible sentence of manslaughter and of the later overturning of a second-degree murder conviction by Judge Hiller Zobel.

Ralph Martin, the Suffolk County district attorney who prosecuted the case, said Ms Woodward had been very fortunate not to have been charged with manslaughter at the outset.



Matthew Eappen: news "painful" for parents

He blamed Judge Zobel for a decision that would have important implications for cases throughout America in which babies and young children were killed or died at the hands of those responsible for their care.

"The defence gambled and lost and then they were bailed out by the trial court judge," he said. "This is certainly not something that the prosecutors wanted in this case because they wanted respect in this case for the jury. But the Supreme Judicial Court is correct and that's the end of it."

Mr Martin described a telephone call from his office to the Eappens as "an extraordinarily painful conversation". "Let us not forget that a young baby is dead," he said. "And the fact of the matter is that they will have an empty space in their home and their lives."

Others who have monitored the case throughout its months of changing fortunes said the Supreme Court had acted in the best interests of justice.

Alan Dershowitz, the Harvard lawyer who advised the defence team in the O.J. Simpson murder case, said the decision to uphold the charge of manslaughter, like Judge Zobel's earlier ruling, had balanced the scales.

"She was responsible for accidental, perhaps negligent death, but it was not deliberate," said Mr Dershowitz. "The jurors did not have the option of manslaughter so they had to treat her as if she was a mafia hitman. This was never a first-degree murder case. She served close to a year in prison ... in the end justice has been served."

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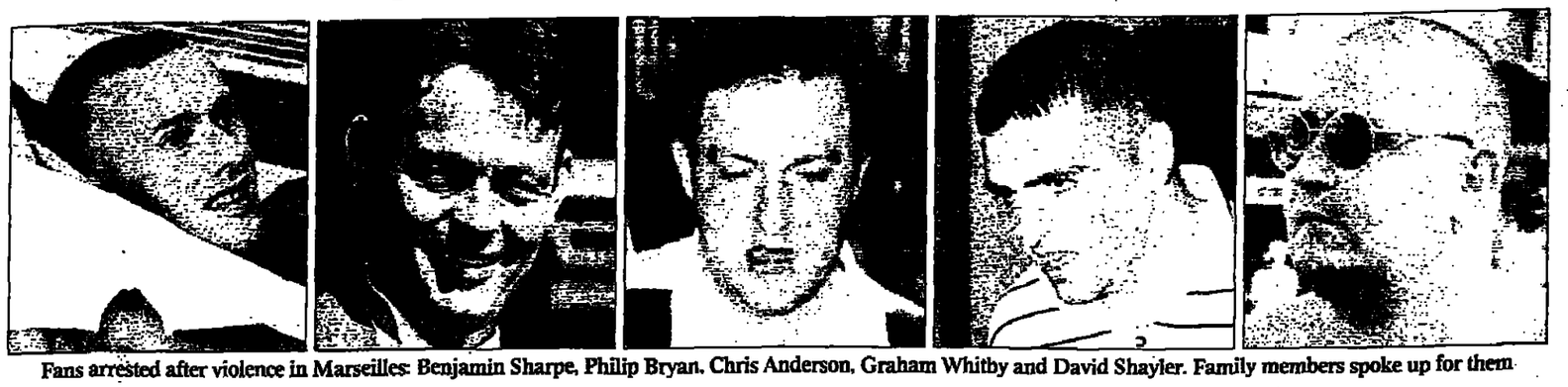
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Leeds United bans jailed fan as families defend arrested men

By Stephen Farrell, Russell Jenkins and Simon de Bruxelles



Fans arrested after violence in Marseilles: Benjamin Sharpe, Philip Bryan, Chris Anderson, Graham Whitby and David Shayler. Family members spoke up for them

THE thug jailed for throwing missiles at French police was yesterday banned for life by the club he supports as the families of other arrested fans rallied behind them.

Peter Ridsdale, the chairman of Leeds United, said James Shayler, 32, from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, would no longer be allowed into the ground or to buy tickets for away matches. The move came as it emerged that Shayler, who has convictions for violence and theft from the early 1980s to 1990, was allowed to join an official Football Association supporters' club.

Although known to local police, he is not registered with the football unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service. An NCIS spokeswoman confirmed that he would not be on their records if none of his offences were committed at football grounds. Two postmen from Merseyside, Chris Anderson, a Liverpool supporter, and Graham Whitby, also 26, were jailed for three months for setting fire to a car. Whitby's aunt Mary Williams said last night: "He does not smoke and would not have had matches on on him. So I don't understand that."

Philip Bryan, 37, an RAF fireman from Halifax, West Yorkshire, now based at Brüggen in Germany, also faces disciplinary action if found guilty of throwing cans at windows. He is being held in custody on remand.

The family of Peter Bray, 28, an engineer and Manchester United fan from Nuneaton, Warwickshire who was arrested for allegedly throwing beer bottles at police in Marseilles, said he had adorned himself with British bulldog, Three Lions and St George's Cross tattoos, but was a "genuine fan" who had never been involved in violence.

Friends of Benjamin Sharpe, 25, from Deeping St James, Lincolnshire, described him as a "quiet wimp". Mr Sharpe, a hospital electrician, is in custody charged with violence and throwing bottles at police, which he has denied.

Neal Harris a 21-year-old customer services assistant with South West Water who lives with his parents in Exeter, was bailed for allegedly breaking a window with a beer mug.

Gary Wyatt, 30, a Sunderland season ticket-holder who was allegedly arrested with a stone in each hand, is a joiner who has not worked since injuring his back in a fall from a roof two years ago. He is understood to be known to local police force and was last arrested in 1995. His father Ronald said: "What he is accused of doing sounds very out of character to me."

City battens down hatches as the fans approach

From Damian Whitworth in Toulouse

THE ancient university city of Toulouse has in recent years established its annual *fete musique* as one of the chief cultural events in the South of France. Hundreds of musicians play everything from Bizet to the Beatles, and performers and audiences flock from all over the country to attend.

But not this year. Yesterday the festival was cancelled after it was decided that holding it on the eve of England's World Cup match against Romania, next Monday, was not such a good idea after all. Instead, scores of extra riot police have been drafted in, restaurants and bars are preparing to close early, and the residents say they are frightened.

It had been thought that the music festival would be a delightful way for people to spend an evening the day before such an important soccer game.

But events in Marseilles have provided Toulousains with a nasty warning. In declaring that the fete, which has taken months to organise, was to be cancelled, the prefect of the region, Alain Bidou, said it was "in order to ensure the best possible conditions and secure the tranquillity of the residents of Toulouse and all people who wish to follow the World Cup matches in a normal way".

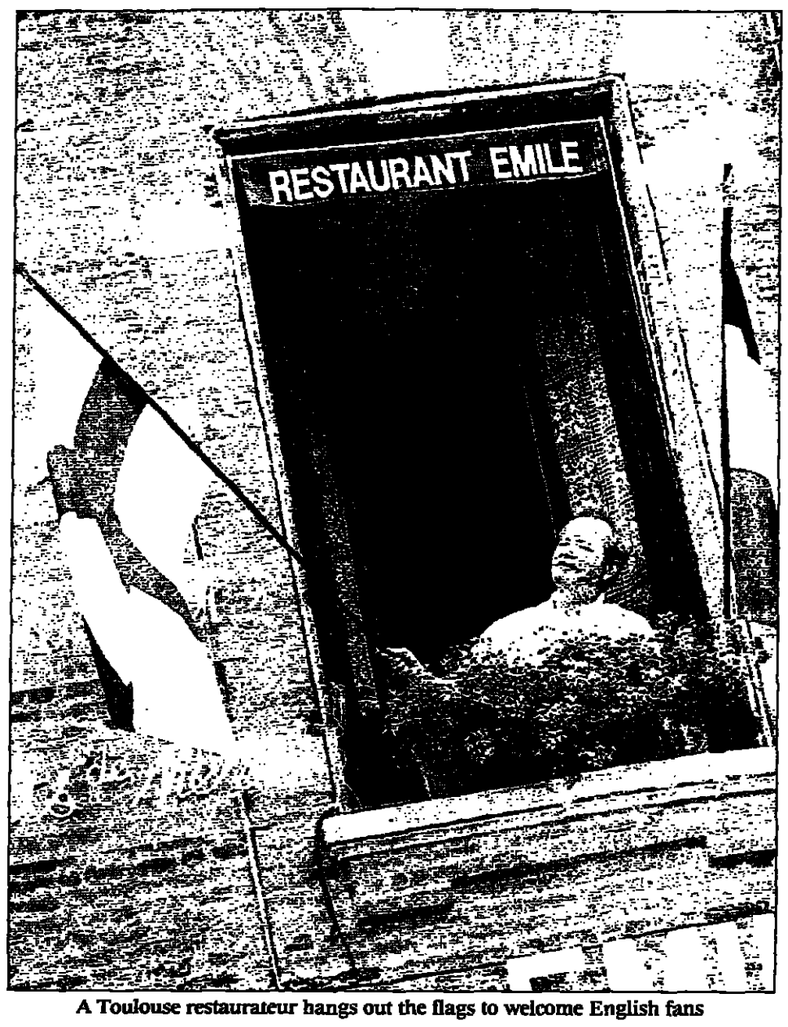
Two new companies of CRS riot police, will join 1,300 civil police and paramilitary gendarmes already scheduled for duty on Monday. A further 6,000 officers will be in reserve in case of trouble.

The restaurateurs themselves are quite happy that their establishments and the city's bars will have to shut at 11pm. "The information coming into the préfecture confirms the arrival of English supporters from Thursday" said Bernard Bosc, president of the Toulousain cafe-owners. "Even if we make a loss we will do this. It is unthinkable to expose our clients to such vandals." He said that establishments would have security guards on the doors.

Other events arranged as part of the World Cup celebrations including table football tournaments with human-sized players, firework displays and street parties may also be cancelled. It was understood last night that no decision had yet been taken on whether a giant screen by the river Garonne would show the match.

There are fears that the narrow warren of streets in the old city centre could be difficult to police, but referring to the running battles in Marseilles, Martin Malvy, the Socialist president of the regional council, insisted that there would be "the most rigorous measures against British hooligans if we faced that sort of thing".

A spokeswoman for the tourist office said the cancellation of the music festival was a blow to the city but the residents were worried about their safety. "The festival is very important and people come from Bordeaux and Paris and it is very well-known. But we are afraid of the hooligans. Everybody is afraid."



A Toulouse restaurateur hangs out the flags to welcome English fans

Unions say police chiefs bungled riot control

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

FRENCH police unions yesterday accused senior officers of bungling riot control operations against British hooligans in Marseilles and Paris as local authorities called for reinforcements to deal with the threat of violence at future England World Cup matches.

The Police Alliance, which represents a third of French officers, criticised police chiefs for deploying too few riot police in Marseilles against rampaging hooligans before the England-Tunisia match.

Gérard Boyer, head of the Alliance, said that of the 2,000 law and order personnel on duty during the disturbances, only 600 were CRS riot police or paramilitary gendarmes with riot experience.

He said that the authorities were slow to send in riot police in Marseilles, and Paris, where fighting broke out on the Champs-Elysées on the eve of the Scotland-Brazil game last week. "There is an obsessive fear of intervening quickly as soon as trouble starts," he said.

The French National Police Union also said that preventive measures should have been in place before trouble started, pointing out that national police officers, as distinct from riot police, "are there to protect property and people, not to fight guerrilla wars".

Local newspapers also accused police of acting slowly and timidly. "For fully a quarter of an hour the two sides caused mayhem without anyone there to stop them," *La Provence* newspaper said.

Roger Mongeron, of the Marseilles shopkeepers association, said he was frustrated that a savage hoard of hooligans had not been contained.

In Toulouse, the head of the regional council has called in two additional 80-strong squadrons of CRS riot police to strengthen the force of 2,000 officers already in place for Monday's match between England and Romania.

The mayor of the area in Paris that includes the Champs-Elysees has also demanded extra riot police to deal with what he called "the organised gangs of thugs", mostly North African youths from the inner-city suburbs, who have been targetting various shops and clubs in France's most famous street.

Jean-Claude Gaudin, mayor of Marseilles, has also asked the interior ministry for more riot police, saying that England, if successful, could be back in the city for the quarter finals!

Straw rules out compensation

BRITAIN will not offer France compensation for the injuries and damage caused by English hooligans who went on the rampage in Marseilles (Richard Ford writes).

Jack Straw has decided against making any payment after being assured that France operates a state compensation scheme, similar to that in Britain, under which its citizens can claim for physical injuries. The owners of shops, bars and other premises damaged during the violent disorder which broke out before and after England's opening game against Tunisia will have to make a claim on their insurance.

One Home Office source said: "Not a penny of British taxpayers' money is to be paid in compensation for the activities of these people."

The Government is aware that it would set a precedent for payments to be made to other states as a result of the activities of citizens causing trouble abroad.

Marie Claire Sparrow, a Frenchwoman practising as a barrister in Britain, said that people whose property had been damaged would have to claim on their insurance, but they might be able to claim from the state on the basis that they faced an extra burden by being resident in a town where England was to play its World Cup matches.

Hooligans will serve sentence in 'inhuman' jail

By Adrian Lee

A FRENCH prison known for its strict regime and spartan conditions will be used to hold English football hooligans.

La Baumette, in the suburbs of Marseilles, is notorious for overcrowding and conditions were described as "inhumane and degrading" in a recent report by a pressure group. The prison was built in the 1930s as a remand centre, intended to house 600 men, but is now used for almost 1,000 criminals.

Most cells are shared by three prisoners and, according to one former inmate, the summer stench from the primitive lavatories is enough to prevent sleep at night. There have been complaints that it is infested with rats and lice.

Convicted hooligans are likely to receive sentences of two and three months. Thosewho receive sentences of less than one year will not receive routine consular visits.

English fans appearing in French courts are entitled to free representation from an on-call lawyer. Translators have also been provided.

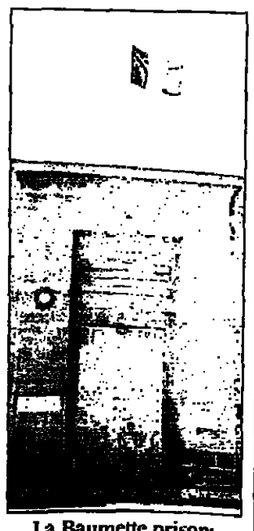
A prison worker said yesterday that he had seen "les Anglais" settling in to the jail. "It is very hard here," he said. "They are calm now."

He thought it probable that they would share cells with one another. Criminals serving sentences of less than five years — including drug addicts and robbers - are sent to La Baumette, which has a high security classification.

Daniel Souffi, 42, who served a three year term for aggravated burglary, said yesterday: "You feel like you are being treated like an animal in a zoo. There are so many prisoners that you get only a few hours a day to stretch your legs. The food is disgusting."

To ease tension at the jail, inmates are being allowed to watch the World Cup on television, said a spokesman for the governor. The hooligans would be treated in exactly the same way as French prisoners.

The pressure group European Committee for the Prevention of Torture said conditions at La Baumette were degrading. It was one of the jails that shamed France.



La Baumette prison: notorious conditions

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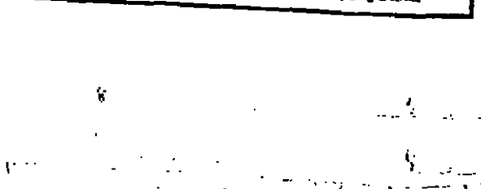
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Women in black: Lisa Crouse and Katherine Russell



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arriving by carriage at Royal Ascot yesterday

High fashion wins by a head at Royal Ascot

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

SENIOR members of the Royal Family turned out in force yesterday for the 178th procession at Royal Ascot. The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales emerged from their traditional carriages to be met by a sea of colour, with crowds 20-deep on each side greeting their arrival at the Royal Enclosure with polite applause.

Despite the constant threat of rain, the Queen looked at ease in a two-piece suit in fuchsia pink. The Queen Mother chose pale lemon. As the Queen mingled with the public, she passed Ivana Trump, the former wife of the US property tycoon Donald Trump, and her daughter Ivanka, a model.

Crowds will be down on last year's record of 240,000. Capacity has been reduced by 20 per cent and the number of staff increased by 10 per cent to improve facilities in the public enclosures. Nearly 100 bars are expected to serve 196,000 bottles of champagne, 70,000 bottles of wine and 11,000 bottles of Pimms. More than 500 gallons of cream will be poured over four tons of strawberries after a main course of 6,000 lobsters and more than seven tons of salmon and beef.

The absence of younger members of the Royal Family left it to the crowds to make this year's fashion statements. Many women declined to wait until Ladies Day before emptying the contents of their fruitbowls onto otherwise ordinary hats. A few had apparently raided the parrot's cage for loose feathers. One racegoer resembled a chicken, her hat a mass of yellow feathers. The most eye-catching hat incorporated a World Cup trophy.

A notable absentee was Getrude Shilling, who for years has modelled hats at Ascot on behalf of her designer son, David. She is believed to be ill.

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ANDRÉ CAMARA



Pretty in pink: Skye and Arwyn Hunt on the first day

GP cleared of assault after attack by youths

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A DOCTOR who was beaten up by youths after he asked children to stop playing on 40ft trees near his surgery has been cleared of assault.

Paul Thomas said he was worried that the children, aged between seven and eleven, would fall and hurt themselves. However he was assaulted by older youths who accused him of bullying the youngsters.

Dr Thomas, 46, was left with severe bruising to his thigh, cuts to his hand, a gash on his arm and a swollen face. Alexander Mottram and Ed Bull, both 18, were cautioned by police after admitting their part in the affray.

Officers tried to caution Dr Thomas after Mr Mottram said the GP had punched him during the scuffle outside the surgery in Barham, near Ipswich, Suffolk. However Dr Thomas refused to be cautioned and was charged with assault and using threatening words and behaviour.

Dr Thomas was cleared on both counts by Ipswich magistrates. After the case he said: "I had to suffer two days in court with my character being brought in to question just because I had the privilege of being beaten up.

"I suffered quite nasty injuries and ended up in court while two of the youths responsible got off with a caution. That raises considerable questions about the behaviour of the Crown Prosecution Service.

"My professional and personal reputation would have been destroyed if there had been a miscarriage of justice and I had been convicted."

He said he could not accept a police caution "because it would have been an admission of guilt and I had done nothing wrong".

Earlier Dr Thomas, a GP since 1984, told how he had asked the children to get down from the tree on May 29 last year. He denied swearing at them and said he was concerned because he might be responsible if they fell, as the tree was on his land.

A youth standing with other teenagers outside a nearby house then approached and started pushing him in the chest, accusing him of bullying the children, he said.

Dr Thomas said he got into his Grand Cherokee Jeep as Mr Mottram approached and asked what his problem was. The doctor said the youth started kicking the car.

The GP denied hitting Mr Mottram and said he simply tried to drive off gently to get Mr Mottram off his vehicle. He took magistrates into the court car park and showed them his jeep in an attempt to demonstrate that it was impossible for him to throw a punch from the driver's seat.

Dr Thomas said that he got out of the car, intending to pull Mr Mottram away from the vehicle. However, he lost his footing and fell, and was then beaten up, he told the court.

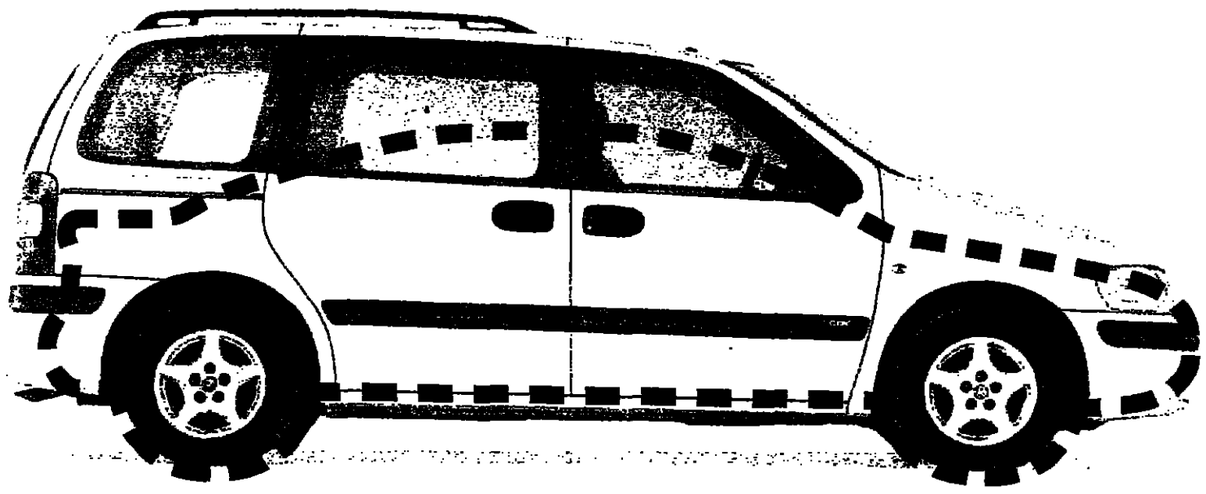
Mr Mottram, a pig farm worker, told the court how he had seen Dr Thomas shouting at his girlfriend's younger brother and sister and went over to see what was happening. "The doctor leant over and punched me. My nose was slightly sore the next day. I felt shocked, then I saw red and kicked his car."



Thomas: would not accept police caution

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Gifted children to be taught in 'masterclasses'

UP TO 500 primary school pupils will be invited to attend government-sponsored "masterclasses" in secondary schools this September, in the first step towards a national scheme for gifted children.

Ten specialist schools have been chosen to run experimental classes in arts, languages, mathematics or sciences. Estelle Morris, the junior Education Minister, said she hoped that the masterclasses would have spread throughout England by 2002.

Another 28 technology colleges, nine sports colleges, eight language colleges and six arts colleges were named yesterday, bringing the number of specialist schools to 330. The Government plans to have 450 by 2002, offering extra tuition for the brightest children in their area.

Ms Morris said that the needs of very able children, who number up to one in five of the school population, had

Ministers accept that needs of the brightest primary pupils have been neglected, writes John O'Leary

been neglected. "We have tended to think that they will achieve anyway, whatever happens to them." She added that ministers wanted to develop talent, but not to create a new educational elite.

The masterclasses represented the first in a series of measures to ensure that the brightest children fulfilled their potential, Ms Morris said. Schools would be offered extra state funding, matching cash raised from the private sector, to develop specialist teaching and facilities.

The specialist schools programme was launched by the Conservative Government, which allowed them to select up to 10 per cent of their pupils. Labour supported the scheme but ministers have insisted that the schools make their facilities available to their neighbours.

The first masterclasses will run at: Brooke Weston City Technology College, Corby, Northamptonshire; Cowes High School, Isle of Wight; Dixons City Technology College, Bradford; Lancaster Girls' Grammar School; Lincoln School of Science and Technology; St Thomas More School, Gateshead; Elliott School, in Wandsworth, South London; Haydon School, Pinner, North London; Biddick School, Washington, Tyne and Wear; and Theale Green Community School, Reading.

Ms Morris said the scheme would cater for children between 8 and 14, who were put forward by their teachers or parents. There would be no tests for entry, and classes would take place at weekends and after normal school hours, introducing children to material outside the National Curriculum. At Theale Green, auditions will be held to find 60 children who would benefit from extra tuition in the arts. Saturday classes will give children the opportunity to work with artists and specialist teachers in music, drama, dance and the visual arts.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar, the only fully selective school involved, will run separate weekday classes in mathematics and science. Candidates will be chosen from six local primary schools. Pam Barber, the headmistress, said gifted children should be catered for in normal schools, and the scheme should help to develop materials for them.

Some secondary schools already run their own classes for primary schoolchildren. In Birmingham, for example, a local authority scheme offers Saturday morning lessons, in which children of 11 have taken GCSE examinations.

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GAVIN FOGG



Anita Jhall, 11, from Handsworth, Birmingham, has taken a GCSE exam in maths after extra tuition on Saturdays

Beatles producer wants to rid pop of drugs

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SIR GEORGE MARTIN, the Beatles' record producer, yesterday challenged the pop industry to put aside profits and rid itself of drugs.

Speaking to a national police conference on drugs, Sir George said senior executives should form an "ethics committee" to set standards and stop the industry encouraging drug use.

Sir George said he knew the Beatles had taken the odd pill or two and smoked a joint, but never in his presence, adding that John Lennon once gave him a pill, which his horrified doctor confiscated. Sir George said it was a myth that drugs heightened creativity. *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was attacked by the media but Sir George said it was simply the result of the Beatles' genius.

Setting out a personal manifesto for cleaning up the record business, Sir George said the group could operate like the Cadbury committee, which lays down standards for public companies. A similar group in the record industry might make suggestions on lyrics or policy on how to treat drug use by staff and stars.

Sir George also urged record companies not to sign artists or groups if they were known to take drugs and called on established stars to deglamorise drugs.

He said stars like Pete Townsend and Eric Clapton had spoken out but others still set bad examples, adding that Noel Gallagher's comparison of drug use to having a cup of tea were "ill-advised and did no one any good, particularly himself".



Sir George Martin: challenge to stars

Boarding school in abuse row shuts down

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

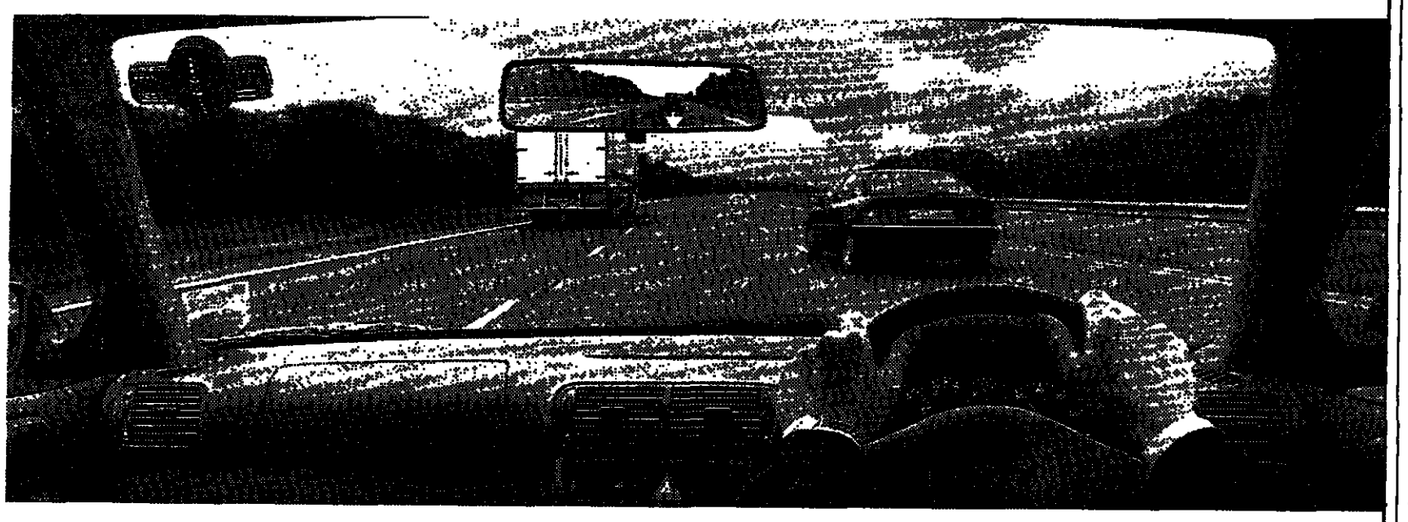
AN INDEPENDENT school catering mainly for Armed Forces families has been forced to close after a series of critical reports. Quantock School at Over Stowey, Somerset, which has been plagued by allegations of abuse of pupils, will shut next month.

Both the Office for Standards in Education and Somerset's social services department have issued damning reports on the school in the past 18 months. Only 80 pupils remained, compared with a peak of 250, when David Langley, the acting headmaster, announced closure this week.

Chris Davis, the county social services director, wrote to the Department for Education earlier this month recommending Quantock be shut down after an inspection raised new concerns about boarding and welfare arrangements. David Peaster, the school's proprietor, has written to parents confirming voluntary closure.

Allegations of physical and sexual abuse, some dating back up to 30 years, have been investigated recently. The complaints are now the subject of civil actions.

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Boy first to be saved by new artificial heart

A TEN-year-old boy with a lethal heart infection has been saved by an artificial heart implant which kept him alive for six days while a donor was found to save his life. It is believed to be the first operation of its kind and paves the way for the use of artificial hearts in the treatment of life-threatening illness.

On June 7 the boy was transferred from the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford with severe heart failure. He had an infection of the heart muscle which was resisting drugs.

The next day he was so ill that Michael Burch, the paediatric consultant in Oxford, contacted the transplant unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London about the possibility of an urgent transplant or, failing that, artificial support for the circulation.

He discovered there was little chance of an immediate transplant and that no hospital had the means for circulatory support in a child. Dr Burch then got in touch with Stephen Westaby, who is developing an artificial heart called the Jarvik 2000 at the John Radcliffe.

Rushed in by jet, the device kept the patient alive until a donor was found, writes Ian Murray

Mr Westaby's device could not be used but he remembered that Roland Hetzer, a colleague at the Berlin Heart Institute, had a device which had supported three infants for up to six weeks, enabling their hearts to recover without a transplant.

Professor Hetzer sent a team of five German doctors with the device in a Learjet to Oxford and on June 9 Mr Westaby and the German team implanted it in the boy.

A biopsy of the diseased heart was also taken which showed chronic and irreversible disease of the heart muscle. Great Ormond Street had already said it was prepared to accept the boy for a transplant if he could be kept alive with the mechanical device and his heart failed to recover.

By June 11 the boy's condition had improved but his heart showed no sign of recovery. On Saturday a donor became available for a teenager who was suffering from cystic fibrosis, a lung condition. He was given the heart and lungs from the donor at Harefield Hospital in an operation led by Sir Magdi Yacoub. His healthy heart was removed and was then available for the boy in Oxford.

Because of the size of the power system needed to run the German device it was too risky to move the boy to Great Ormond Street so Bruce Whitehead and Marc de Leval, two surgeons from the London hospital, went to Oxford early on Sunday. At 2am the boy was taken to the theatre, the artificial heart was removed and Mr Westaby with Mr de Leval finished the transplant by 7.30.

On Monday the boy, who had been on a respirator after the transplant, was well enough to be taken off it and moved to Great Ormond Street. The treatment has been funded by the Variety Club of Great Britain and Berkshire Health Authority.

Mr Westaby said last night: "It is only a matter of time before advances in technology produce an implantable medical device to substitute for the diseased heart. In some patients giving the heart a rest promotes recovery as for any other organ in the body. Through the type of international co-operation which helped this child we are now closer to a realistic heart for widespread use in patients with heart failure."

BEN GURR



Stephen Westaby, one of the surgeons, with an artificial heart, left, similar to the one used in the operations

Mother wins legal right to let son die

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A MOTHER'S request for treatment to be withdrawn from her son so that he could die with dignity after seven years in a "persistent vegetative state" was granted by a High Court judge yesterday.

She said her plea was a last act of love for 24-year-old MM, who suffered permanent brain damage when he was 16 after being accidentally hit by a car. She told the court in a sworn statement that she had known for some time there was nothing she could do to enrich her son's life. Supported by her husband and MM's sister, she added: "He needs to die".

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the High Court Family Division, said the court had the greatest admiration for the parents, who had had to come to a heartrending decision after years of devoted care for their son. He made a declaration that it was now lawful to withdraw treatment, nutrition and hydration to allow MM to die with the least suffering but greatest dignity.

Surgeon's cries for help 'were ignored'

BY IAN MURRAY
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SURGEON'S cries for help were ignored by his colleagues who wanted him to continue carrying out complex heart operations on babies, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Janardan Dhasmana, 58, was worried by the number of babies who died at the Bristol Royal Infirmary after he performed a switch on the arteries to their heart and thought he could be making technical mistakes, Marc de Leval, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, said.

After eight out of 11 babies died, Mr Dhasmana had twice gone to watch an internationally recognised expert on these switches in order to retrain. He was also feeling isolated and abandoned because his senior colleague, James Wisheart, 60, had given up doing the operation.

Nicola Davies, QC, for Mr Dhasmana, produced a file of more than 100 letters supporting the surgeon.

Mr Dhasmana, Mr Wisheart and John Roylance, 68, the retired chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, have all denied serious professional misconduct.

Complaints against doctors and nurses rise

BY OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

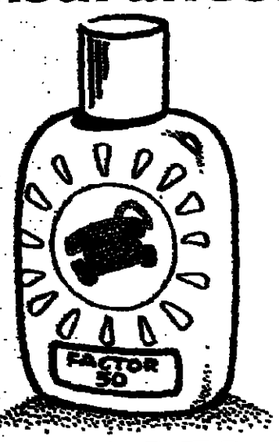
COMPLAINTS against doctors have more than doubled since a new complaints procedure was introduced two years ago. Complaints against nurses are at their highest since the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting took over their investigation in 1993.

Last year 84 nurses were struck off the register and another 17 cautioned, of the 997 cases investigated. In nearly a third of cases the reason for striking someone off was physical or verbal abuse of patients. Nearly a quarter of all those struck off were employed by nursing homes, another quarter worked in mental institutions.

Mandie Lavin, of the council, said the rise in complaints did not necessarily indicate that patients were at greater risk from health workers. People were more aware of the council's role and of the importance of reporting complaints, and the system of referrals from courts was better.

The Medical Defence Union said that failure or delay in diagnosis was the most common cause for a complaint against doctors.

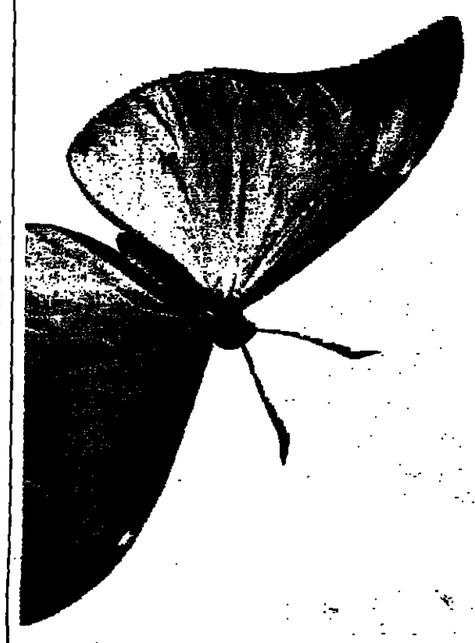
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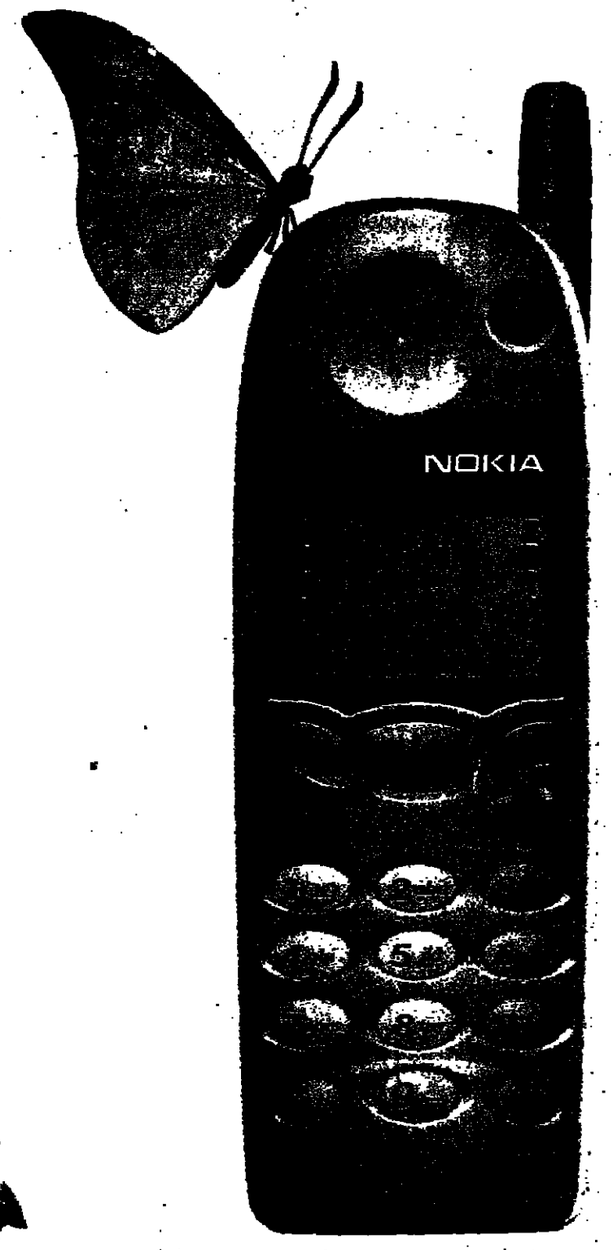
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Avuncular Sir Richard will keep eager Blairites in check

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE Blair Government is often accused of being both centralising and presidential. While there is something in these charges, they are gross oversimplifications. A fuller, more subtle picture emerged yesterday when Sir Richard Wilson made his first public appearance as Cabinet Secretary, in front of the Public Administration Committee of the Commons. It was fascinating and revealing — possibly more revealing than Sir Richard intended — for anyone interested in how power is exercised in Tony Blair's Whitehall.

Whereas Sir Robin, now Lord, Butler, the last Cabinet Secretary, was the correct head prefect of Whitehall striving to do the right thing, Sir Richard is a silkier, more informal, operator. At yesterday's hearing, he was always good humoured, never prickly about questions intended to prise out an indiscretion or something that might be presented as critical of ministers. He treated such questions as rather naughty, in the process charming the MPs.

In answer to the presidential charge, Sir Richard said that each prime minister had a different style and approach. But executive powers were legally vested in individual departments, with the Prime Minister's only executive power being in relation to the Civil Service. Hence he or she had to work through colleagues, and that was a curb on a presidential style. He also disputed the charge of centralisation in the sense of taking powers away from departments.

That said, Sir Richard accepted the desire of the Blair administration for "a stronger, more strategic role by the centre". This was not to encroach on the job of departments but rather to pull together the Government's overall message in a more coherent way. The distinctive feature was ministers' desire for more systematic co-ordination and presentation of their message. This had been given a higher priority than he had seen in his time as a senior civil servant. He believed that this shift was permanent because of changes in the technology used by the media and their constant desire to get information.

Sir Richard was non-commital about the report he had been asked to produce by Mr Blair about the role of the Cabinet Office and the central Whitehall machinery. He had sent a minute to the Prime Minister, and was now doing more work about some aspects. But he pointed to the concern of ministers about departmentalitis. He thought that the concentration on management had led to officials taking their eye off the broader, corporate interests of government. The Blair team had, he said, a sharper focus on outcomes than recent governments and was impatient with departmental boundaries.

Drawing on his previous experience as Home Office Permanent Secretary, he gave the example of the pledge to halve the time between arrest and sentencing for persistent young offenders. This involved three departments and several agencies. There was now a desire to "pull togther the threads across government". He preferred the description of stage managers to plumbers. This reinforces the expectation that a stronger strategic unit will be created in the Cabinet Office to co-ordinate cross-departmental issues.

Sir Richard presented himself as an avuncular guide to a new team, assisting them in learning about how Whitehall operates, keeping an eye on what is happening and offering a cautionary word when necessary — for instance, to Alastair Campbell if, perish the thought, he goes over the top in attacking the Tories. Sir Richard sought to reassure that nothing had gone wrong and that charges of politicisation had been overdone. But, in his role of "patrolling the boundaries", Sir Richard is likely to be kept busy ensuring that the eager Blairites keep the interests of government and the Labour Party separate.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour MP faces expulsion over sleaze allegations

Party leaders seek to end Scottish strife, report Andrew Pierce and Gillian Harris

TOMMY GRAHAM, the Labour MP who was suspended after being named in a colleague's suicide note, is expected to be expelled from the party after being ordered yesterday to appear before a disciplinary committee.

Mr Graham, the MP for Renfrewshire West, has been summoned under a rule that bans party members from engaging in a "sustained course of conduct prejudicial to, or any act grossly detrimental to the party".

The Labour leadership moved against Mr Graham after studying reports that he had offered two senior party members compromising pictures of a union official in return for information to destabilise a political opponent. Mr Graham has denied the charge.

The 54-year-old MP is reported to have offered the photograph to Alan Wilson and Jim Stevens, executive members of the Scottish Labour Party. They have made statements to the party's powerful constitutional committee, which will conduct the disciplinary hearing.

Mr Graham was suspended last August after the suicide of Gordon McMaster, Labour MP for the neighbouring Paisley South constituency. Mr McMaster left a note in which he accused Mr Graham and others of conducting a whispering campaign about his sexuality.

Mr Graham, who was cleared by a Labour inquiry of any blame for Mr McMaster's suicide, will be called to account by the constitutional committee over the photograph claims. He will also be challenged over allegations that he worked with a "known opponent" of the Labour Party to try to secure him a seat at Westminster; that he engaged in verbal attacks on colleagues; that he paid the fees of bogus members to infiltrate the constituency of Irene Adams, a neighbouring Labour MP, to try to unseat her.

A report into his activities has been prepared by David Gardiner, the deputy general secretary of the party. It has been studied by Labour's legal advisers, who have concluded that there is a case to answer.

Mr Graham will be invited to put his case with the benefit of legal advisers. With elections for the Scottish parliament next year the leadership is determined to be seen to be stamping out sleaze. The committee will rule by September.

A Labour source said: "The constitutional committee is the highest disciplinary body in the party. To appear before it is serious. Graham is in big trouble. The ultimate sanction is expulsion. He will be expelled."

If he is expelled from the party Mr Graham will be able to remain as an MP until the next election. The last Labour MP to be expelled was Dave Nellist in 1991 over his links with the Militant Tendency.

Yesterday Mr Graham said he was sure that he would clear his name. "I look forward to getting into a proper forum like the National Executive Committee. I don't have any problem with answering the charges — but I still don't know what they are yet. I am confident. I have never had any doubt that I will be vindicated."

In January he predicted that he would be exonerated and that no charges would be brought by the constitutional committee. His supporters argue that it was the threat of resignation by other MPs that prompted the Labour leadership to close in on him.

If his prediction is wrong again, he will not go quietly. Friends said yesterday that he would use the cloak of parliamentary privilege to mount new allegations about his opponents in the party.

He could also make a legal challenge. The constitutional committee was overturned by the Scottish courts when it tried to expel some Glasgow members, including Pat Lally, the Lord Provost.

Mr Graham, a former engineer, entered Parliament in 1987. At the last election he had a majority of 7,979 over the Scottish nationalist candidate in a five-cornered contest. He has told friends he does not expect to stand as a Labour candidate at the next general election. The constituency is high on the SNP's target list.

KEN MACPHERSON



Tommy Graham at his holiday home. He denies the charges against him

Campbell given warning about going too far

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

ALASTAIR CAMPBELL, Tony Blair's official spokesman, was yesterday warned by the head of the Civil Service not to go "over the top" in attacking on the opposition parties.

Sir Richard Wilson, the Cabinet Secretary, revealed that he was keeping a close watch on Mr Campbell and studying the content of his daily lobby briefings with political reporters. He said that it was not Mr Campbell's job to attack the Tories "with bricks and bottles".

Sir Richard told MPs on the Public Administration Committee: "If he were to go wrong I would go down and say watch it. If he were to go wrong there would a mechanism in place to ensure there would be a touch on the tiller to put it right."

Mr Campbell has often been accused of going beyond his remit. He was recently criticised by Bernard Ingham, former press secretary to Margaret Thatcher, who said that he was a political appointee who should be paid by the Labour Party.

Yesterday Sir Richard said: "Mr Campbell is a freer bird than a permanent civil servant to present policies in a political context. He is overtly political in a way that a civil servant would be inhibited to be . . . But I do not think it is his job to go over the top and attack the Opposition with bricks and bottles."



Campbell: under official scrutiny

He emphasised that he had seen nothing to show that Mr Campbell had breached the boundaries of his remit and said: "I think he does a very good job in a very exposed position." But he made clear if there were any slip, he would be quick to intervene, and after persistent questioning by Andrew Tyrie, Tory MP for Chichester, he conceded that "attacking the Opposition" could constitute a national political activity.

He also said that it was proper for Mr Campbell to paid a government salary. "Alastair Campbell is not a Labour Party spokesman. He speaks on behalf of the Government and I believe that is proper expenditure for the taxpayer."

Britain 'cut food aid to help coup'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BRITAIN deliberately cut aid to Sierra Leone to undermine the military regime that had overthrown the democratically elected Government of President Kabbah, a leading charity claimed yesterday.

An all-party Commons committee was told by ActionAid that Peter Penfold, Britain's High Commissioner to the West African country, agreed with the deposed president that food aid should be discouraged because it was a "tool of war".

President Kabbah, who was deposed in May last year, was restored to power in March with the support of British mercenaries. Philippa Atkinson, a specialist on West Africa who worked as a consultant to ActionAid, said that a Foreign Office official told French aid workers from Action Against Hunger that Mr Penfold believed that aid should be blocked. Quoting from what she claimed was a rough translation of the conversation, Ms Atkinson told the International Development Committee: "The High Commissioner took the view that humanitarian aid should be blocked and [aid agencies] should not be encouraged. Kabbah felt food was a tool of war."

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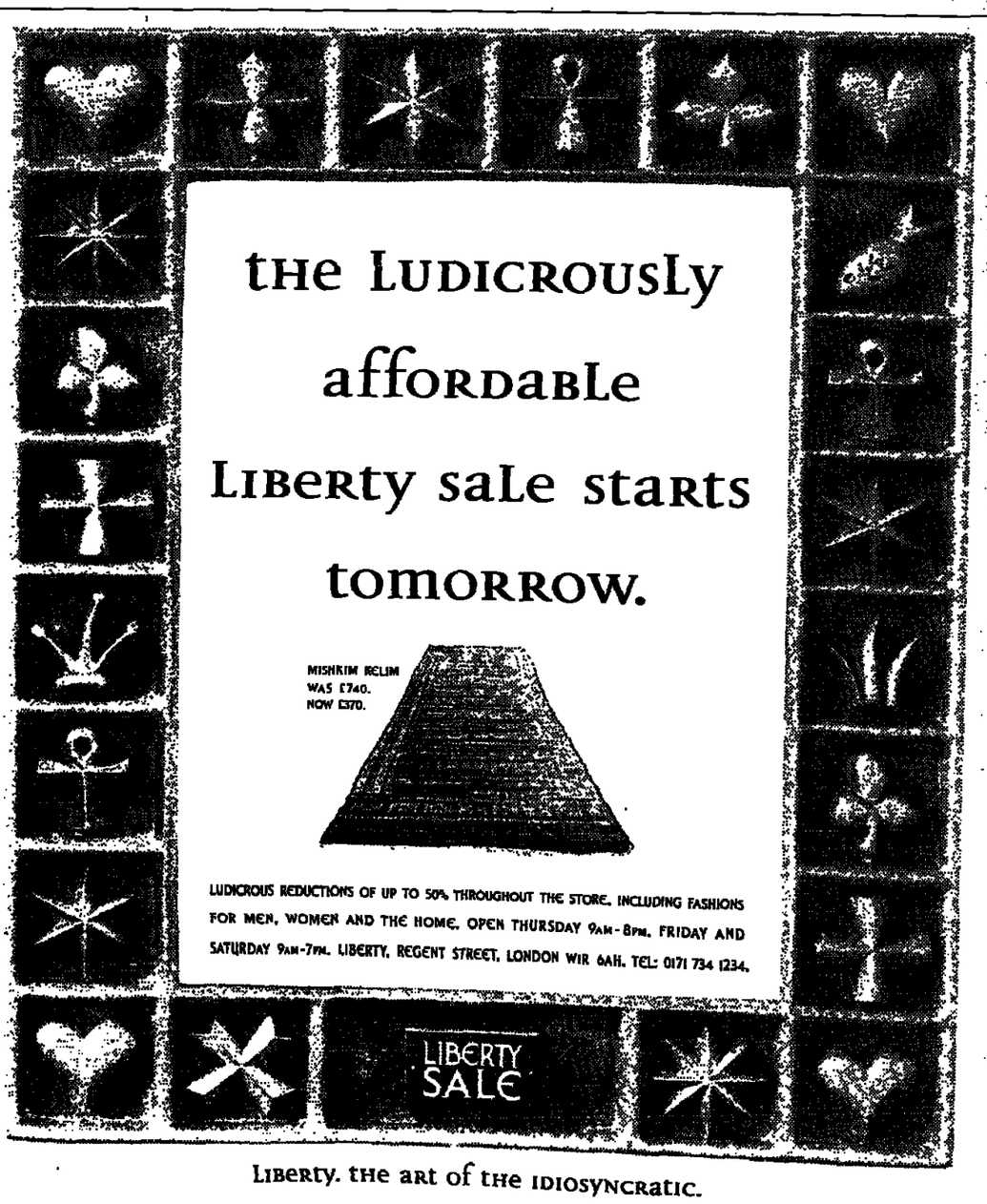
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Bomb comes home to roost after 58 years

One family's war mystery has been solved, reports **Simon de Bruxelles**

EXACTLY 58 years ago, Joyce and Ernest Taylor took shelter under their bed as they heard the drone of approaching German bombers. The newly weds thought their final hour had come as they heard the whine of a bomb heading directly towards their house.

For 30 minutes they lay curled up on the bedroom floor of the three-bedroomed house in Longlevens, Gloucestershire, waiting for an explosion that never came.

The mystery remained until yesterday when workmen replacing broken tiles discovered an unexploded 15-inch incendiary bomb in the roof of the garage attached to the Taylors home.

Mr Taylor died last year aged 89 but he would doubtless have been horrified to know that when his widow finally saw the bomb, the first thing she did was open it up and look inside.

Mrs Taylor, a 78-year-old grandmother, said yesterday: "I took the two workmen a cup of tea out yesterday afternoon and they said 'Look what we've found in your roof'. They put it on a bench in the garage which I use for potting. I picked it up and had a good look at it and said 'Good gracious me'."

Mrs Taylor said that the bomb was a "long cylinder with fins at one end; the dark grey metal was corroded and I didn't really think it could still



Joyce Taylor had a good look inside the bomb

be dangerous". She then decided to have a look inside the bomb, which had German writing on the side. "The end of it was loose so I unscrewed it and saw that inside there was a container which was still shiny and polished like new.

"I didn't worry about it. I thought that if it went off, it wouldn't be such a disaster because I've lived a good long life and I won't be around much longer anyway. It would have saved me having to go into hospital for a hip replacement next month. I haven't been looking forward to that much."

Mrs Taylor telephoned her son, Robert, 55, a shooting instructor who lives near by. "As soon as he arrived he told me to put it down and get well away from it. He realised that it was perfectly capable of going off.

"He telephoned the police and they sent an officer round who carried it up to my greenhouse. Then late last night a bomb disposal officer arrived from Cambridge, which I thought was a long way to come for such a little thing.

"He told me 'You're a very lucky lady' which really brought it home to me how dangerous it had been.

"It's incredible to think it's been in the roof all this time. It must be because the house was never properly finished and the tiles have always been a bit loose and uneven.

"It was new when Ernest and I moved in in 1939 as the war was breaking out. It had not been completed properly because of the war starting and we have had a lot of problems with damp and leaks over the years.

"The bomb must have burrowed down between a couple of tiles and just stayed there ever since."

Mrs Taylor says she remembers the night of the big raid well. "We heard lots of planes coming over in a big air raid on the Gloster Aircraft Company factory a couple of miles away at Brockworth. One bomb hit a house in Kenilworth Avenue in Gloucester and obviously this one was meant for us but never went off."

Her son said: "It was shaped like a fat cigar with a fin on the back of it, which my mother dismantled to get it open. I was horrified when I saw what she'd done.

"Mum wanted me to take it away and dump it somewhere. But you can't just do that with something that might blow up."

An expert from the Imperial War Museum in London said: "Once an incendiary bomb was burning, water was useless to put it out as it actually intensified the reaction. They would burn an average house to the ground in a pretty short time. It would be like setting light to a gallon of petrol inside a house."

DARREN FLETCHER



Joyce and Ernest Taylor during the war. They thought their final hour had come

Councils underplay risks of time bug

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MOST town halls are failing to take adequate measures to tackle the millennium computer bug, the Audit Commission said yesterday.

Fewer than 10 per cent of authorities and NHS trusts have developed contingency plans to ensure that vital services or essential supplies, including water, gas or electricity, are maintained if computer systems fail after the 2000 date change. More than a third have failed to identify the full extent of potential problems.

Andrew Foster, controller of the commission, said that there was still time for authorities to contain the problem. Local authorities had a particularly grave responsibility to deal with the problem because they controlled so many key public services, he said.

Lifts, car park barriers, school heating systems and medical equipment could all be affected.

"If benefits payments fail, some of the poorest people in society who are dependent on money from the State may find themselves without any money," Mr Foster said. "If traffic lights don't work town centres could face chaos and gridlock." Organisations or managers may be held legally liable for any injuries or losses caused by system failures, he said.

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Treasurer stole cash 'to check security'

BY GILLIAN HARRIS
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCH treasurer caught stealing thousands of pounds from his employers to pay off personal business debts told members of the church: "Don't worry, I am testing the bank's security."

Sheriff Colin Miller told Michael Helm, 46, who admitted embezzling £12,987 from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Ayr: "No doubt some day in the future when you stand before your maker, you will have to account for this crime."

Helm, the church's honorary treasurer, filled in blank cheques that had been signed by the minister. He then paid them into his land speculation company's bank account.

Sheriff Miller deferred sentence for three months at Ayr Sheriff Court to give Helm an opportunity to sell his £240,000 home and repay the money. Depute fiscal Margaret Paton said: "He was in charge of income from covenants, subscriptions and investments. The cheques were already signed and all he had to do was countersign them. He was in severe financial difficulties and this was one way of getting more time. He has still paid nothing back."

The court was told that the church's bankers alerted the rector, the Rev Idris Jones, after two £7,500 cheques were paid into Helm's company account. Auditors found another 39 cheques made payable to Helm.

Kathleen Murray, Helm's solicitor, said her client treated the money as a loan and had intended to return it as soon as his business picked up. "There was no money coming through the business, and he had a wife and family to support without a salary. The bank was putting pressure on him and his personal overdraft was called in."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bodies of fishermen recovered

The bodies of four of the five fishermen who drowned when their Highland trawler collided with a German freighter were recovered from the North Sea yesterday.

The four men were found on board the wreck of the *Silvery Sea* by divers acting for the vessel's insurers, Sunderland Marine. The boat, which was based in Mallaig and sank 30 miles off the coast of Denmark on Sunday, is lying in 100ft of water. There was no sign of the fifth man. Relatives may have to travel to Denmark to identify the four bodies.

Immigrant laws

Lorry drivers who smuggle illegal immigrants into the Irish Republic face a £50,000 fine and ten years in prison under new laws. Employers face a similar fine and five years in jail if caught employing illegal immigrants.

Trauma award

Roger Knott, 47, from Blackheath, southeast London, who has been unable to work since being caught in a gas explosion eight years ago descaling boilers, was awarded £825,000 damages yesterday for post traumatic stress disorder.

Horse killed

A family's horse was killed by a bolt of lightning when two tornados swept across Suffolk. Scrumpy Jack, a 12-year-old gelding, died in a paddock at the Poplar Farm Equestrian Centre in Hollesley, near Woodbridge.

Mother jailed

A mother was jailed for three years after admitting killing her two new-born babies because she could not cope. Tina Jamadar, 32, denied murder at Leeds Crown Court but admitted the infanticide of her daughters, in 1990 and 1996.

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Gubbay attacks 'elitist' Arts Council

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE impresario Raymond Gubbay yesterday accused the Arts Council of being elitist over its repeated refusal to support the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, bearers of the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition and "a national treasure".

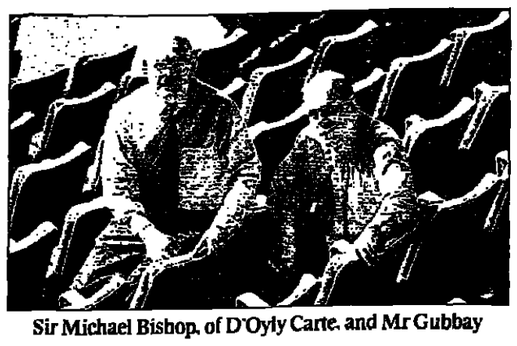
Speaking as he announced a partnership between himself and the light opera company, Mr Gubbay expressed disbelief that the Arts Council had rejected its desperate pleas for help. "They wouldn't know quality if it knocked them in the face," he said. "They have ignored what they see as the populist end of music, opera and dance — in this case our national opera company. It seems to me a scandal." The Arts Council seemed to assume that "if something is popular, it can't be good", he added.

Mr Gubbay is to make an initial £100,000 investment that will take the company to London for the first time in three years, for eight performances of the G&S favourite *The Mikado* at the Festival Hall from August 31.

Mr Gubbay, whose other projects include "arena-opera" at the Albert Hall, said that the Arts Council's neglect was all the more serious because the funds required by D'Oyly Carte, primarily to pay for touring costs, were "minuscule" compared with the sums lavished on Covent Garden.

Although the Arts Council finally came up with a single grant of £250,000 for the D'Oyly Carte's 1997 tour, the company has campaigned for long-term permanent funding. Over 11 years it has accumulated debts of £1.5 million.

Hearing of the company's long struggle to survive had filled him with despair, Mr Gubbay said, particularly because their stagings at the Golders Green Hippodrome had so inspired him when he was a child; they were a big influence and "set me on my path to being a promoter".



Sir Michael Bishop, of D'Oyly Carte, and Mr Gubbay

The quality of performances declined in the 1980s, leading to the closure of the old company but the revived D'Oyly Carte has transformed itself.

Mr Gubbay pointed out that even two tough opera critics, Rodney Milnes, of *The Times*, and Hugh Canning, of *The Sunday Times*, had "said nice things" about the company's work. Last year Canning wrote that D'Oyly Carte's "stylish and entertaining" show *The Count of Luxembourg* was "immeasurably superior on almost every level" to the Royal Opera production of another Lehár operetta, *The Merry Widow*. Milnes said that *The Count* and D'Oyly Carte's *Iolanthe* provided evenings "jam-packed with solid musical pleasure". It was ironic, Mr Gubbay said, that "at a time they are doing their best work", the Arts Council was showing so little interest.

Mr Gubbay believes that the Festival Hall's central London location will draw the tourists: Americans are among Gilbert and Sullivan's biggest fans. Parallels could be drawn with modern-day politics from works that poked fun at late-Victorian Britain, he said.

Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of the D'Oyly Carte — which began staging G&S in 1875 — said that they would in the meantime perform within their existing resources for shorter engagements. They would continue to seek Arts Council help, he said: "We are not willing to buckle under."

The Arts Council said: "We are pleased to hear of Raymond Gubbay's plans to bring the D'Oyly Carte to London and we wish them well."

Lottery to give more to smaller heritage projects

BY MARCUS BINNEY

LOTTERY money for heritage projects is to be directed to small and regional schemes after complaints that metropolitan areas have been getting more than their fair share, the new chairman of the Heritage Lottery Fund said yesterday.

Eric Anderson, the former headmaster of Eton who taught Tony Blair at Fettes College, said projects seeking more than £5 million would have to take part in a twice-yearly competition for the cash and more of the fund's resources would be reserved for the provinces.

No project will receive more than £25 million and only about £70 million of the fund's £250 million annual budget will be shared among projects seeking more than £5 million. There will be country committees for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland with the power to make grants of up to £375,000, and provincial areas will be encouraged to apply for more cash.

London has received 13.5 per cent of the grants made so far, against 1.5 per cent for Northern Ireland and 3 per cent for the East Midlands.

Bureaucracy will be cut, with a new two-stage application process to weed out unsuitable bids and save resources, Dr Anderson said. Lottery money will also be distributed in small sums to voluntary projects organised by local communities.

Dr Anderson continued: "We are being reproached by unsuccessful applicants for leading them through a long process which costs time, energy and money — and raises their hopes — only to turn them down in the end."

Over the past two years the paperwork required for most major applications has been enough to fill a tea chest. Many unsuccessful applicants, including charities, have had to pay up to £50,000 for financial forecasts and viability studies required by the fund. The fund's own consultants, eager to justify their substantial fees, have bombarded applicants with demands for further technical information.

The fund has launched an Awards for All programme in Scotland, giving grants between £500 and £5,000 for projects in the localities. Local Heritage Initiative will start on June 30 providing grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 for recording and preserving of local heritage. The scheme will be run jointly with the Countryside Commission.

To date the Heritage Lottery Fund has paid £1 billion to 1,862 projects.

Heaney turns his back on Bloomsday 'carnival'

Audrey Magee on protests over popular celebration of James Joyce

JOHN COGILL



Johnathon Bewley riding his penny farthing in Sandycove. Seamus Heaney, below left, said that James Joyce would be disdainful of such antics

SEAMUS HEANEY yesterday flew out of Dublin in protest at the "carnival" of Bloomsday when thousands of people with little knowledge of James Joyce dress as Edwardians and quote from *Ulysses*.

"I consider it a carnival," the poet said. "I have no doubt that if Joyce was here he would be disdainful." The Nobel prizewinner is one of a growing band of writers and scholars disgusted with the way Bloomsday has turned from a quiet, intellectual celebration of Joyce's 1922 novel into an orgy of innards-eating and Guinness-guzzling.

The latter-day Bloomsday began in 1954 when a group of writers, including Patrick Kavanagh and Myles na Gopaleen, retraced the day-long journey across Dublin taken by Leopold Bloom, the central character in *Ulysses*, on June 16, 1904. The writers wanted to celebrate Joyce and protest at the ban on *Ulysses* in Ireland.

The group, whose horse-drawn carriage journey from Sandycove to the city centre ended in a drunken stupor, included the critic and writer Anthony Cronin. "To see him now used as some kind of postcard image does his legacy, and literature in general, a disservice," Cronin told an Irish magazine last week.

"I wish this was a celebration of Joyce, a great and complex writer, but it is not. Like most carnivals, it is narcissism by the participants themselves. Joyce suffered persecution and misrepresentation in his own lifetime, and in a way this is persecution and misrepresentation all over again."

The purists are protesting at the growing corporate sponsorship of the day and the "theme-parking" of the writer's work for financial gain. Until 1982 — the 100th anniversary of Joyce's birth — the event was a low-key, one-day affair but has now turned into a week-long festival of bus tours, boat rides up the Liffey, bicycle races and £25 breakfasts.

This year, described as the biggest Bloomsday yet, included a worldwide Internet reading of *Ulysses*, starting in Melbourne at 8am and finishing 14 hours later in Los Angeles with the final chapter. Mary McAleese, the Irish President, and the writer Edna O'Brien read in Dublin while the actress Sinead Cusack read in London. The purists were disgusted.

The Bloomsday organisers dismiss their critics as "crabby old farts" who do not want to see people enjoying themselves. "To quote Brendan Behan, I do not give a fish's tit what they think," Senator David Norris, an outspoken Joyce scholar and festival organiser, said.

"Why should we apologise to those bloody old puritans who recoil in horror at the thought of someone enjoying literature without first going to the university to obtain a licence that qualifies them to read and comment?"

Mr Norris is adamant that Joyce would have approved because the writer held a *déjeuner Ulysses* outside Paris in 1929. Drunk as "boiled owls", most of the party did not arrive back in Paris until the next day.

Ken Monaghan, a nephew of Joyce and director of the James Joyce Centre, has concerns about the commercial side of Bloomsday but believes it is the only way to generate some of the £130,000 necessary to run the centre. "I do not think we prostitute his work although I do have my own reservations about some of the things we do," Mr Monaghan said. Johnathon Bewley from Killiney took his penny farthing to his Bloomsday breakfast of innards and Guinness in Sandycove. He too dismissed the critics. "I am not a literary person but why give out about Bloomsday when it gets people out and gives them a good time?"

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German demand for cut in bill sets tone for budget wrangling

Euro launch could be under a cloud, write Charles Bremner and Philip Webster

TONY BLAIR and President Chirac joined forces yesterday to oppose German demands to reduce its share of the bill for running the European Union. It was the start of a battle that could cloud the launch of the euro next January.

As the Prime Minister ended the two-day Cardiff summit with a claim that it had set Europe on the path to an easier and closer relationship with its citizens, wrangles over the vexed questions of the budget and Turkey's relations with the EU disrupted the smooth progress of the final day. After insisting for days that the British £2 billion rebate from the EU was safe, Mr Blair and other members of the Government accepted yesterday that the issue could form part of the "hard negotiations" that were inevitable in the next few months.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, went ahead with his demand for a large reduction in Germany's £7 billion contribution, but was opposed by Spain, Belgium and France. And Mr Blair used a series of interviews to make plain that he would defend the rebate won by Margaret Thatcher 14 years ago.

Herr Kohl, who is fighting an uphill battle for re-election in September, said: "We are just asking for fair treatment. Nothing more, nothing less." He was backed by The Netherlands, Sweden and Austria, the other net contributors to the EU budget. He predicted that the row would intensify. "You will hear all kinds of things, but everything you will hear is wrong," he said. "The question will be settled at a summit in Germany next spring."

Germany, which takes over the EU presidency from Austria in January, aims to call a special summit in March to finish negotiations on spending reforms. M Chirac voiced his strongest opposition so far to the German demands. He said: "I am obviously not in favour, because a reduction in the German payment would mean an increase in the French contribution. In the EU not everything is sweetness and light."

Mr Blair said: "You would expect me to defend the British rebate strongly, and of course I will. It will be a hard negotiation. There is no doubt about that."

The gulf between member states was underlined by the final summit communiqué which simply took note of the dispute, saying some member states were proposing more "equitable burden-sharing". But it added that "some other member states have opposed this".

Britain failed to persuade members to adopt a more conciliatory stance towards Turkey's ambitions to join the EU. Although Mr Blair said that Turkey would be subjected to the same rules as the other 11 applicants, his olive branch to Ankara was largely rebuffed by Constantine Simitis, the Greek Prime Minister, Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg and Herr Kohl.

Mr Blair defended the British presidency against criticism that little had been achieved.

M Chirac said: "It has been an excellent presidency ... completely efficient, warm-hearted and *sympathique*. And Mr Blair was applauded as he welcomed the incoming Austrian presidency. "It was warm applause, sincere, not just diplomatic." M Chirac said.

Europe tries to halt gravy train

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND CHARLES BREMNER IN CARDIFF

EUROPEAN UNION leaders yesterday demanded curbs on the generous perks and benefits enjoyed by members of the European Parliament, with Tony Blair giving a warning that abuse could damage Europe's good name.

Seven out of nine interventions from leaders during a session with José Maria Gil-Robles, the president of the European Parliament, raised concerns about the potential abuse of travel expenses and other allowances. Helmut Kohl, in the middle of a pre-German election crusade to make the EU more acceptable to voters, was backed by The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and others in criticising the European gravy train.

Mr Blair, questioned on Swedish television, said that Señor Gil-Robles had accepted that the criticism should be addressed. "I hope it will be dealt with because it is important for the reputation of the EU institutions that we have an open, transparent and fair way of remunerating those European Members of Parliament," he said.

MEP'S PERKS

MEPs' salaries are fixed in the line with the pay rates of their national parliaments — £45,066 for the 87 United Kingdom members. But it has always been claimed that a generous expenses system — including a daily attendance allowance of £157 and a mileage rate of 56p a kilometre — has easily allowed them to double their salaries.

The Parliament has, however, been slowly mending its ways. This year, for example, it set rules that require MEPs to produce tickets to justify travel claims. It also fixed stricter rules on attendance allowances, sometimes claimed in the morning by members who would then leave for the airport.

However, the Parliament's addiction to lavish expenses is so high, especially among the lower paid MEPs of the south, that many are resisting a cut in payments that they deem to be a legitimate part of their incomes. An assiduous fraudster, of which there are said to be only a handful, can milk the system to top up their salaries by up to £150,000 a year. Anecdotes are rife of MEPs who sleep in their offices while claiming for hotels, who charge air tickets for non-existent trips, or who claim to employ close family or other fictional assistants.

The issue is being examined in three reviews — a European Commission study of management and structures, an inquiry by the European Parliament, and one by the European Court of Auditors.

A new parliament is to be elected in June next year and voters could punish sitting MEPs for the overall disrepute of their institution.

The Parliament's leaders say the problem is largely caused by the failure to set a single salary for MEPs. This creates great differences in basic income, ranging from £21,000 a year for the Greeks to more than £66,000 a year for the Italians.

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Nelson Mandela conducts Welsh children in a nursery rhyme at a ceremony in which he received the freedom of the city at Cardiff Castle.

Mandela conquers Cardiff with a song for Europe

BY MICHAEL BINYON

NELSON MANDELA was, as overawed civic dignitaries admitted, the man who stole the summit. In his colourful trademark shirt, beaming a smile as bright as the day, he stooped to chat to flag-waving children, joked with pensioners and jived in stately, elderly delight as the choir broke into African song.

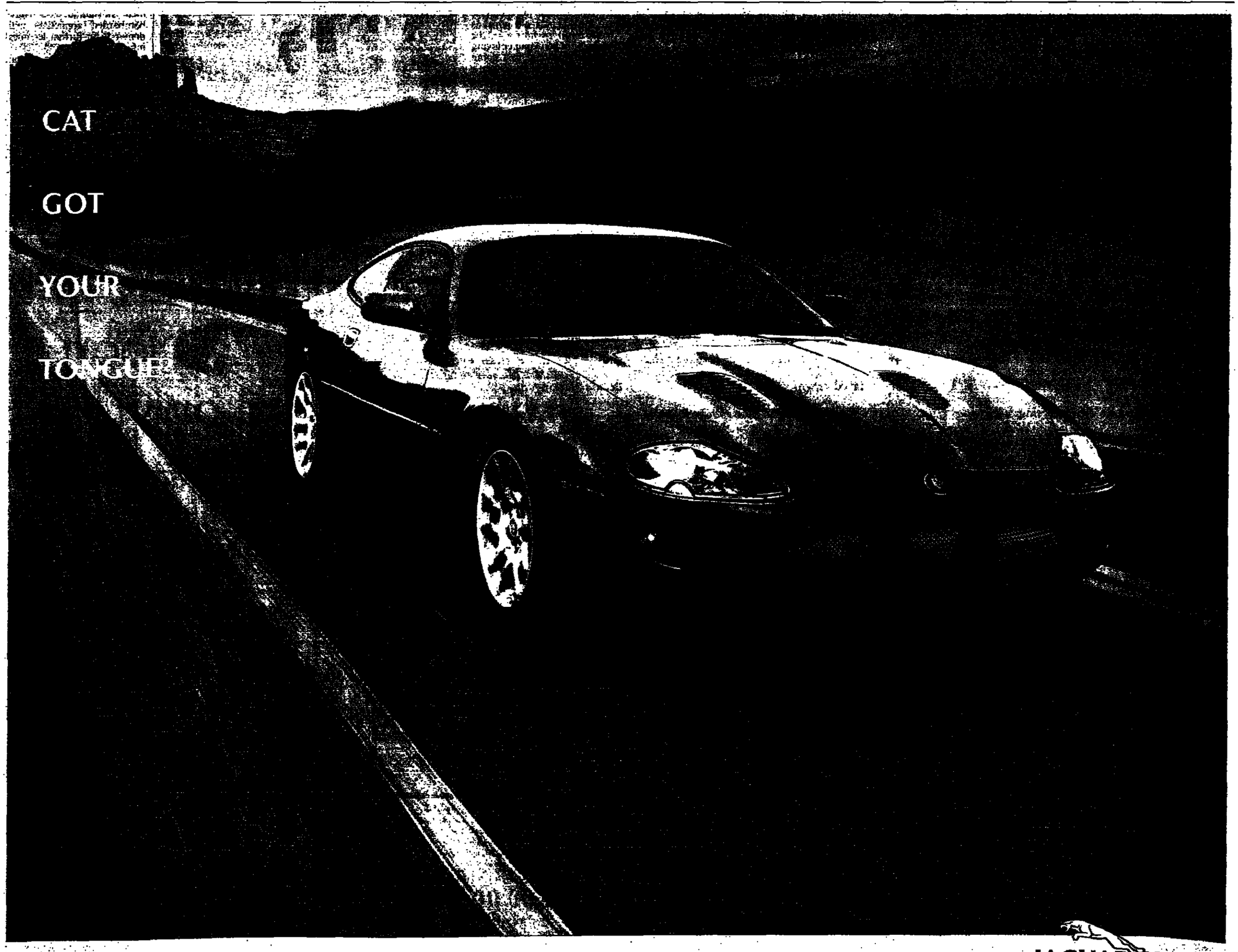
WELSH HONOUR

All Cardiff had strained to catch a glimpse of him as he received the freedom of the city. But only a select few were admitted to the castle grounds — children, stalwart anti-apartheid campaigners, elders of the city council, soldiers in scarlet tunics and little girls bashful in tall Welsh hats and frilly white aprons.

It was not so much an honour for Mr Mandela to receive the city's freedom, but rather an honour to Wales that he had accepted it, Russell Goodway, Labour leader of the city council, told him. "Your life has inspired millions of people, not just in South Africa, but throughout the world."

He spoke with Welsh eloquence of the president's "elemental humanity and dignity", saying he "epitomises everything we understand by freedom". Mr Mandela joins the company of only 56 people thus honoured, including Lloyd George, Churchill, the Pope and Diana, Princess of Wales. Welsh pride was on full display. The Norman castle, magnificently restored a century ago, was surrounded by flowers and banners of welcome. The white-haired choir — Cor Meibion — was in fine song, even though their collective age predated the Roman Conquest.

Mr Mandela paid tribute to the "historic relationship" between South Africa and Wales and spoke of the inspiration he and fellow ANC members found when Welsh choirs and rugby teams broke their links with the apartheid government.

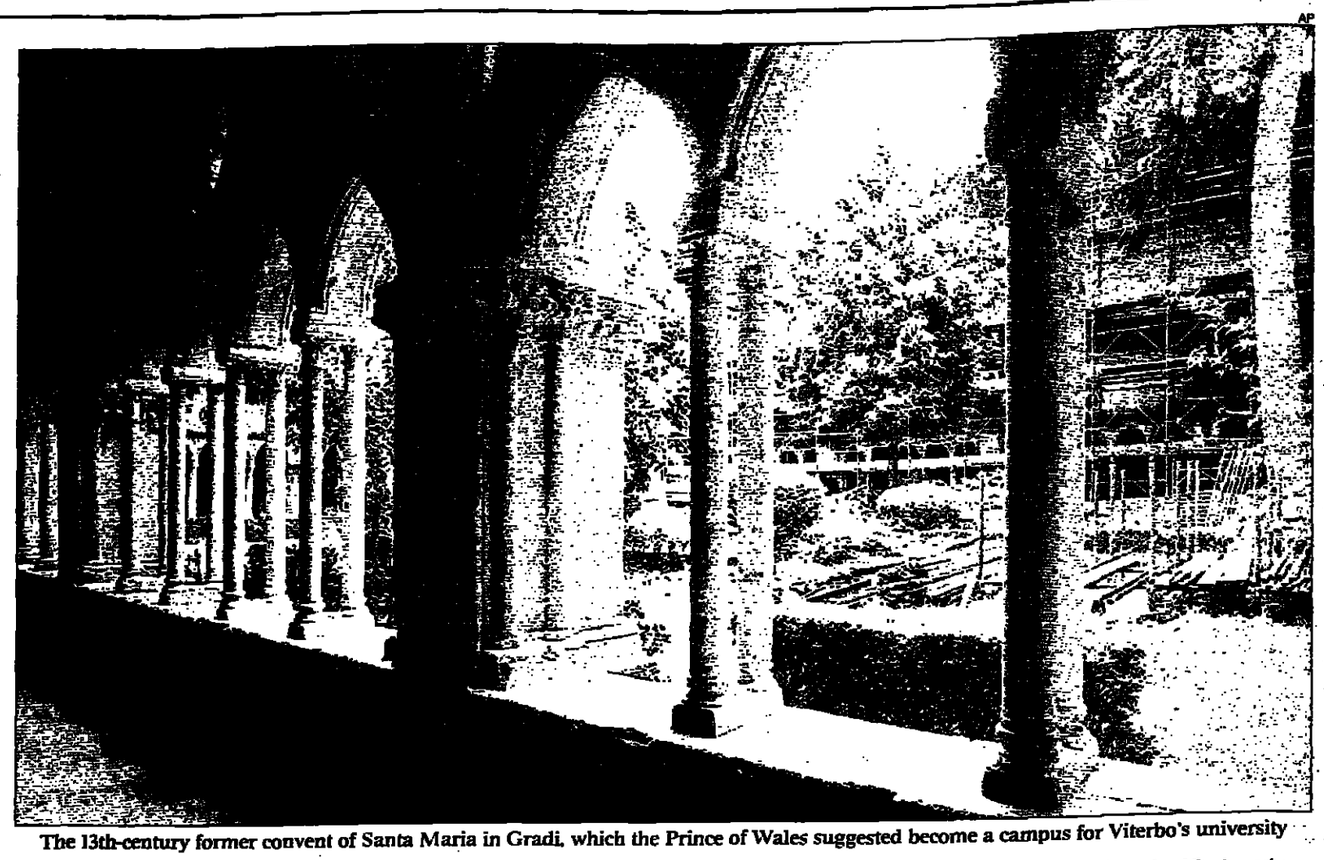


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Prince's gospel of urban renewal converts Italians

Down at heel city leads the battle against forces of ugliness, writes Richard Owen


AP

The 13th-century former convent of Santa Maria in Gradi, which the Prince of Wales suggested become a campus for Viterbo's university

AN AMBITIOUS plan backed by the Prince of Wales to revamp part of a neglected medieval Italian city is the vanguard of a series of projects by the Prince's architectural team to revive urban centres from Berlin to Beirut, his advisers said yesterday. The Prince has also been approached by the authorities in a number of Italian cities, including Turin, Bologna and Trieste, that are intrigued by "New Urbanism".



The plan to renovate and rebuild an ancient quarter of Viterbo, 60 miles north of Rome, could cost up to £50 million and involve the wholesale redevelopment of a 150-acre site in the city centre, architects and planners said. The plan — initially costed at £20 million, to be borne partially by local private enterprise — was devised by experts from the Prince's Institute of Architecture, the first project by its "Urban Design Task Force" to bear fruit.

The Prince's campaign for a return to traditional architecture on a human scale instead of modern urban "steel and plate-glass ugliness" has already given rise to a model new town on New Urbanist principles at Poundbury in Dorset. The Poundbury project, however, has run into delays and teething troubles, and the Prince's team has decided to take its gospel of urban renewal abroad — to France, Germany, Russia and Lebanon.

The Viterbo plan was launched yesterday by Marcello Meroi, the Mayor, who said the scheme had given the town — which once rivalled Rome in power and wealth — new hope. Brian Hanson, an architectural historian who heads the Prince of Wales Projects Office, said the core of the plan was the renovation of Santa Maria in Gradi, a 13th-century former Dominican convent, which served as a prison until ten years ago, just outside the old city walls.

The Prince, who has visited Viterbo five times, suggested that the convent could be converted into a campus for Viterbo's Tuscia University. The scheme has since grown to include the whole area of 150 acres. Some of it is derelict, while the rest is occupied by unplanned blocks of flats and industrial depots that will be bought and demolished. Mr Hanson said the Prince's team had high hopes of an urban renewal scheme in Lebanon involving Beirut, Sidon and Tripoli, and of a project for renovating a central area of Berlin, which is due to become the capital of re-united Germany. "We are also involved in projected schemes in Potsdam, in Chinon in the Loire Valley, and in St Petersburg," he said.

Prince Charles holds summer sessions of his Institute of Architecture at Viterbo, at a Renaissance villa in Bagnaia, and at Caprarola, all in upper Lazio, sometimes described as "the poor man's Tuscany". Viterbo, now down at heel, has a splendid Renaissance town hall which contains relics of the town's Etruscan origins. But although (or perhaps because) it is close to Rome, it has been neglected by tourists and investors, and its shabby state is a far cry from the glorious days when it was the residence of 13th-century Popes, such as Hadrian V and Clement IV, both of whom are buried in Viterbo's Gothic church of San Francesco.

When the Viterbo scheme was mooted four years ago, the Prince described his Institute's summer school as: "A little army of creation set against the still active armies of destruction which go on threatening the towns and cities of Europe."

Scotsman 'set fire to former girlfriend'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A SCOTTISH migrant who worked as a teacher in Australia was yesterday committed to stand trial for setting fire to his former girlfriend.

Burwood Magistrates' Court in Sydney heard that Stephen Rae, 33, doused Gabrielle Mazzali, a fellow Briton, in petrol and turned her into a "massive fireball". Ms Mazzali, 28, a nurse from Lincoln, was left with third-degree burns to 90 per cent of her body. Police and doctors expected her to die, but her condition is now stable and she hopes to return to England within the next month.

The court heard that Mr Rae was in a brief relationship with Ms Mazzali, which ended at the beginning of the year. After failing to win a reconciliation, he kicked in the front door of her flat and poured inflammable liquid over her. As she ran from the apartment, Mr Rae caught up with her and lit a cigarette lighter, igniting the fuel, the magistrates were told.

Mr Rae will stand trial for attempted murder on July 17.

Daughters say mother did not kill Gucci

BY RICHARD OWEN

THE two daughters of Patrizia Reggiani, who is on trial for the 1995 murder of her former husband, Maurizio Gucci, said yesterday they did not believe she had ordered their father's killing.

Speaking for the first time since the murder Alessandra Gucci, 21, and Allegra Gucci, 17, told *Corriere della Sera* their parents had both been the "victims of a papier mâché world which fawned on them in order to swindle them". Alessandra Gucci said that on the morning when her mother was arrested in January last year, she had asked her if she was guilty, promising "not to say anything to Grandma [Patrizia Reggiani's mother, Silvana Barbieri] or Allegra". Her mother had replied: "I swear it was not me."

Earlier Signora Barbieri also spoke out, saying Signora Reggiani had "changed personality" after a 1992 brain operation, but could not have ordered the killing.

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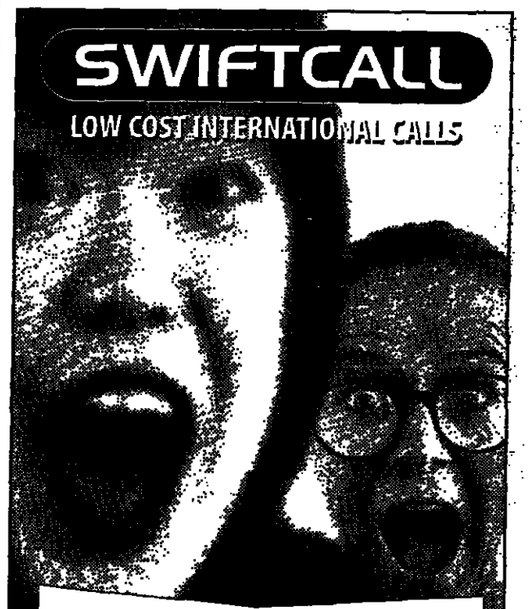
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Milosevic agrees to Kosovo talks

Russian-brokered deal falls short of West's demands to avert Nato action

Robin Lodge writes from Moscow

PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC of Yugoslavia said yesterday he would begin negotiations with ethnic Albanian leaders on granting autonomy to Kosovo, a move to end the bloodshed in which more than 300 people have been killed since March.

But he adamantly refused to talk to "terrorists", ruling out discussions with the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), and conceded far less than Western powers had hoped.

His assurances came in a joint statement signed with President Yeltsin after several hours of talks in Moscow. The Russian leader said the talks had been "difficult", but that the aims of the discussions had been achieved.

According to early reports, the measures outlined in the joint statement appeared to fall some way short of the demands set last week by the six-nation Contact Group — Russia, the United States, Britain, France, Italy and Germany — to avert possible Nato intervention.

These were an end to all action by Yugoslav security forces against civilians, the withdrawal of forces, free access for international monitors and aid organisations, the right of refugees to return, as well as rapid talks with the separatist leaders.

Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister who led the Russian side in the negotiations after Mr Milosevic's meeting with Mr Yeltsin in the morning, said afterwards that the Yugoslav leader had agreed to resume talks with Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate ethnic Albanian leader.

However, Mr Milosevic specifically rejected the notion of bringing representatives from the KLA into the talks. Speaking after the session with Mr Yeltsin he said: "I see no reason to negotiate with terrorists." Mr Rugova's aides acknowledge there can be no realistic hopes for a peace deal without KLA participation.

While the joint statement said that security forces would reduce their presence in Kosovo "as terrorist activity diminishes", and gave an assurance against repressive action against civilians, it stopped well short of pledging a complete withdrawal or ceasefire.

Mr Rugova, well aware that he has been losing influence to the KLA, broke off talks last month with the Yugoslav authorities, refusing to continue while the military crackdown in Kosovo continued. It seems unlikely that he will return under the terms of yesterday's agreement. However, Mr Primakov made clear that he believed the Yugoslav side had gone far enough. He said: "The ball is now mainly in the court of the Kosovo Albanians."

Before the Moscow talks, senior Nato officials had given their backing to Mr Yeltsin's efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo dispute, which has brought a flood of up to 100,000 refugees from the province, many into neighbouring Albania and Macedonia, and threatens to undermine the stability of the entire region.

But Western powers have expressed their determination to avoid repeating the mistakes made over Bosnia and allowing the Serbs to continue a policy of "ethnic cleansing" with impunity.

One important concession made by Mr Milosevic yesterday was to allow free access to Kosovo to foreign diplomats and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Nato planes carried out manoeuvres along the borders of Kosovo on Monday in a show of strength, but were careful to stay out of Yugoslav airspace. Igor Sergeyev, the Russian Defence Minister, protested against the manoeuvres, saying that Russia had not been warned in advance. Russia is also insisting that any force against Yugoslavia would have to be endorsed by the UN Security Council, where Russia can exercise its veto.

Mr Milosevic dismissed the suggestion yesterday that the air exercises had helped to persuade him to make concessions. "There is no connection whatsoever between the manoeuvres and today's talks," he said.

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Kosovo refugees rest on a hillside in Padesh, northern Albania, after their trek to the border. About 100,000 people have fled from the province

Refugees find sanctuary in lake resort

Montenegrin welcome for fleeing Albanians underlines ethnic divide, writes **Tom Walker**

THE inhabitants of a Montenegrin lake resort hosting more than 2,000 ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo say they are in no hurry to push them back to the war-torn province.

Many among the predominantly Muslim population of Plav said the Albanians would never be safe while President Milosevic of Yugoslavia remained in power, and that they feared another Bosnia.

Their attitude contrasts sharply with the open enmity often exhibited towards the Albanians by many Serbs in Kosovo itself, and suggests the crisis is dividing the Yugoslav federation at more that just government level.

The Albanian refugees, mostly women and children, have taken over Plav's main hotel, effectively putting an end to the town's tourism earnings this summer. Others have been absorbed by local Albanian families, who comprise about 12 per cent of the population. A few stragglers are still arriving over the mountains from the Decane region, and are guided to safety by police and Yugoslav army units — both of which are also lukewarm in their support of the Serb clampdown in Kosovo.

"We've actually had very little trouble from Decane," said Plav's head of police, preferring to identify himself as Dragan. "We get shot at sometimes in the mountains by gangs from Albania itself, but in this town we have a history of tolerance."

Many among Plav's Muslims identify themselves as "Bosniak", and feel strong ties with Bosnia, where Albanian refugees from Kosovo have also been given a warm welcome.

"We saw all this in the Bosnian war when the refugees came here from a different direction," said Sujo, owner of a haulage business. "The Serbs under Milosevic have a superiority complex and can't accept that peoples should live in equality."

Officially the Serb authorities in Kosovo are asking the refugees to return. In its weekend edition, *Politika*, the main government newspaper, said orders had been given by Belgrade to "ameliorate the consequences of attacks of terrorists in certain places in Kosovo". Ministries would demand that local authorities "create conditions for the earliest unimpeded return of all citizens to their homes," it said.

However, an incident witnessed at the weekend by *The Times* and Reuters on the border above Pec, at the northern end of Decane, suggested that the welcome-home message has not filtered through to all Serb security units.

In pouring rain and mist, a small group of refugees, carrying mattresses on their heads, were walking over the 6,000 ft pass separating Kosovo from Montenegro, watched by a Serb police van.

We passed, and parked in a layby a hundred yards ahead of the police. As the mist descended, several rounds of Kalashnikov fire rattled around the surrounding forest.

Wary of the police, we returned to the same spot two hours later. Where the van had parked was a pile of at least ten spent Kalashnikov cartridges.

A local shepherd in the valley below said it was common for the Serbs to fire over the heads of refugees as they fled Kosovo. "We all live in fear," he said. "We cannot live together."

Former VW slave workers appeal to Schroder

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

JEWISH slave labourers forced to work for Volkswagen during the Nazi era are calling on Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democratic challenger to Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to ensure adequate compensation from the car company that has just bought Rolls-Royce.

Herr Schröder, Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, which has a 20 per cent stake in Volkswagen, is avoiding the issue, according to lobbyists for the slave labourers, and VW yesterday firmly denied having any financial obligation to the workers.

Slave labour is fast becoming a hot issue in Germany, partly because more German companies with wartime pasts are moving into the Amerian market and are therefore exposed to lawsuits or at least bad publicity. The prospect of a change of government in September has also raised hopes for more generous treatment of those forced to work for companies in the Third Reich.

But Volkswagen — despite the presence of Herr Schröder on its supervisory board — is standing firm. Thirty Jewish labourers are preparing a court case to claim back pay from the years 1944-45. Most of them were taken from ghettos in Hungary at the ages of 15 or 16, singled out as being fit for work in the "selection" at Auschwitz concentration camp, and then taken to Wolfsburg to work on armaments production at the Volkswagen factory.

Although life was certainly better than in Auschwitz, the workers led a miserable existence. They began at 6.30am and worked until 6pm. Hundreds died in the underground factory or in the typhoid epidemic in the nearby concentration camp, Bergen-Belsen.

VW argues that forced labour was a policy introduced by the Third Reich and the federal German Government, as its legal successor, should be the object of legal petitions.

Separatists damaged by lack of political voice

BY TOM WALKER

COMMENTARY

IN SAYING he is prepared for dialogue with his rebellious ethnic Albanians, President Milosevic of Yugoslavia is again calling the international community's bluff.

He knows that as long as the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) fails to develop a political voice, talks will be meaningless. The KLA leaves its seat empty at the negotiating table at its own peril, for a guerrilla organisation espousing independence at any cost cannot expect the long-term sympathy of Western powers who stick to their line that Kosovo's future rests within Yugoslavia. Yesterday in Kosovo the KLA's failings were again evident, as its spokesman failed to appear for the third successive day.

As a stream of international journalists waited in the heat and dust of the KLA's market town of Malisevo for any sign of a certain Jakup Krasniqi, the question had to be asked: if the KLA cannot put forward a media image, how credible is it as an organisation? Since Mr Krasniqi's name was first mentioned at the weekend, the KLA has led the international press corps a merry dance.

Throughout the weekend, journalists were told at KLA checkpoints that all questions should be referred to Mr Krasniqi, though few had any idea where he was.

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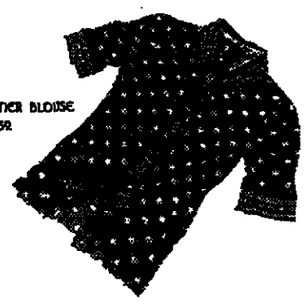
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China 'helping Libya and Iran to build missiles'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

CHINA is assisting Iran and Libya with missile technology despite claims that Beijing has improved its record on weapons proliferation, according to intelligence reports in the United States.

The reports will further embarrass President Clinton a week before his controversial state visit to Beijing. His Administration, following promises made to the United States in 1994, has claimed a strong improvement in China's proliferation record as a reason for engagement with the Chinese.

Based on separate intelligence data circulated among senior US officials, reports show that last summer Iran held discussions with China about the acquisition of telemetry equipment, a vital component for missile testing. Chinese experts are also said to have been working with Libyan technicians to help to create missiles for Colonel Gaddafi. The data provided fresh evidence that China, as well as Russia, is playing a key role in Iran's drive to build two medium-range ballistic missile systems. The reports appeared to confirm similar data provided by Israeli military intelligence last year which showed China's Great Wall Industries was negotiating with Iran to provide a "telemetry infrastructure" to the Shahab3 and Shahab4 missile programmes.

The weapons are based on the design of the Nodong, North Korea's 620-mile range missile. Libya, also said to be developing a medium-range warhead called Al-Fatah, is believed to want to buy the missiles from Pyongyang.

The White House scrambled last night to respond to publication of the reports in *The Washington Times*. It came amid some of the most damaging revelations about deals between the Clinton Administration and Beijing. The Justice Department is investigating a presidential waiver for the transfer of satellite technology to China by a US aerospace company whose chief executive was the biggest contributor to the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1996.

At the same time, Pentagon intelligence has revealed that the White House had known for two years that satellites sold to Hong Kong for civilian use were being employed in a military capacity by the Chinese army.

Congress is also investigating the donation of illegal funds to the last Democratic campaign by Chinese officials, including a contribution of $300,000 (£185,000) from an aerospace official who is also a lieutenant-colonel in the People's Liberation Army.

Richard Gere, the actor, joined young rock artists on Capitol Hill this week, accusing Mr Clinton of abandoning human rights in favour of trade relations with China.

But the latest disclosure is particularly delicate. The United States and China are engaged in negotiations that would allow Mr Clinton and President Jiang Zemin to announce that the two countries no longer target each other with nuclear weapons.

A similar arrangement was reached between America and Russia in 1994 and, although largely symbolic — the United States maintains two Trident submarines in the Pacific that could target China — such an announcement had been seen as a means of overcoming domestic criticism in America.

But the intelligence, if confirmed, shows that China has violated promises it made four years ago not to export missiles or related equipment and a commitment to abide by the guidelines of the Missile Technology Control Regime.

A senior US official said: "We remain concerned that Chinese export controls for missile technology and equipment need to be strengthened. And we will be discussing the issue in upcoming meetings with the Chinese, including the President's trip to China."

Pyongyang spells out missile terms

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

NORTH Korea said yesterday that it would press ahead with developing and exporting missiles unless the United States makes up the loss of foreign exchange it earns from international missile sales.

"We will continue developing, testing, and deploying missiles," the Korean Central News Agency said, spelling out Pyongyang's missile policy in the most expicit terms so far. Economic sanctions imposed by Washington were to blame for forcing the nation to export missiles to secure "the foreign money we need", it added.

"If the US really wants to prevent our missile exports, it should lift the embargo as early as possible and provide compensation for the losses incurred by discontinuing missile exports." The commentary did not specify which countries have received Pyongyang's missiles but defence experts have said they include Pakistan, Iraq, Iran and Syria.

Japanese officials recently expressed concern that Pakistan, which last month conducted nuclear tests, might help Pyongyang to develop nuclear weapons.

Talks between Washington and Pyongyang on non-proliferation of missile technology, which began in April 1996, are stalled. Analysts said that North Korea, beset by food shortages and a crumbling economy, is trying to have economic sanctions, imposed since the 1950-53 Korean War, lifted.



AP

South Vietnamese trying to reach helicopters leaving the US Embassy in 1975

US rebuilds Vietnam ties at site of wartime humiliation

BY DENIS TAYLOR

THE old American Embassy in Saigon, scene of an enduring image of the 1970s, is being demolished. As crowds of Vietnamese besieged the gates on 29 April, 1975, at the end of the Vietnam War, the last Americans were ferried by helicopter from the embassy roof to American warships in the South China Sea. The impressive flotilla which steamed into the huge US naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines was in complete contrast to the chaos of the evacuation.

US Marines fended off desperate Vietnamese who tried to climb the walls of the embassy compound and get aboard helicopters before the North Vietnamese tanks rolled into the city. The rooftop evacuation marked the end of an era which began with the quiet arrival of the first US advisers almost 20 years before, cost more than 50,000 American lives, created the most significant anti-war movement of the century and destroyed the presidency of Lyndon Johnson.

Ironically, the growing links between Washington and the Communist government in Hanoi — where the US Embassy is now located — has brought the need for a new consulate to be built on the site of the former embassy in what was South Vietnam.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Australia set for early election

Sydney: The Australian Government is gearing up for an early general election because of growing support for Pauline Hanson's One Nation party (Roger Maynard writes). Most commentators believe that John Howard, the Prime Minister, cannot afford to wait much longer.

An opinion poll in *The Australian* suggested that Ms Hanson's right-wing party had 11 per cent support. The Government, a conservative coalition, had only 37 per cent, three points behind the Labor Party's 40 per cent. Insiders confirmed that election posters were being prepared.

French Embassy shelled

Dakar: The French Embassy in Bissau, the capital of Guinea Bissau, was hit yesterday by an artillery shell as fighting raged in the army mutiny there, diplomats in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, said. About 20 people managed to leave the building unharmed. Scores of people have been killed by mutinous soldiers and hundreds of foreigners evacuated. Yesterday Senegalese troops helping President Vieira stormed a military complex held by mutineers. *(AFP)*

Killer heatwave hits Florida

Miami: A two-week heatwave is breaking June temperature records in Florida, where brush fires have destroyed 11 homes and closed main roads (David Adams writes). Temperatures have been nearing 100C all month, accompanied by high humidity which makes it feel like 115F. In Miami, two people died from sunstroke and a baby suffocated after being left in a car. Even at night temperatures have not fallen below 80F.

Rescued cave girl dies

Beijing: One of two teenage girls rescued after 42 days trapped in a cave without food has died in hospital and the other is dangerously ill, the state-controlled Xinhua news agency reported yesterday. Liang Xiaofei, 19, died two days after she and her classmate, Li Qingzhu, 16, were rescued from the cave in southwest Guizhou province. Two other girls died in the cave, which the group had entered on May 2 on a trip to the country. *(AP)*

Car baron's cattle drive



Chung Ju Yung, South Korea's richest man, with one of the 500 cattle he took to North Korea yesterday to help fight famine in the land he left 65 years ago (Jennifer Veale writes from Seoul). The Hyundai founder's cattle drive, part of a £5 million package, was seen as a milestone in relations between the two Koreas. Mr Chung, 83, paid for his trip to Seoul in 1933 from the sale of one of his father's cows.

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French 'spy on US business in new secret war'

The Paris intelligence service is giving sensitive data to French firms, write **Ben Macintyre** and **Michael Evans**

FRANCE is systematically eavesdropping on American and other allied countries' telephone and cable traffic via a network of listening stations and passing commercial secrets to French companies competing for lucrative contracts, according to a French magazine report.

The magazine, *Le Point*, also claimed that the Germans who bought into the French Helios 1A spy satellite system are being given access to political and economic secrets, as part of a Franco-German agreement aimed at rivalling the Anglo-American deal on intelligence exchanges.

The US National Security Agency, which is responsible for operating spy satellites, has the capability of listening in on conversations across the world, using "key words" to home in on exchanges of potential interest.

GCHQ, the British Government's communications headquarters at Cheltenham, is linked to the NSA and has a substantial number of staff working at the American listening facility at Menwith Hill, near Harrogate in North Yorkshire, which is currently adding three more giant "radomes" for intercepting telephone conversations, faxes and e-mails. However, the US has always denied French claims that industrial secrets have been passed on to aid American companies competing for contracts with European rivals.

The *Le Point* article marks the first time that France has been accused of doing precisely what it has always accused the Americans of doing. "It is quite clear that the aggressive and completely illegal attitude of the American intelligence services have provoked ripostes and the French are second to none at this game," Jean Guisnel, an investigative journalist wrote.

The magazine said that the DGSE, the French secret service, had established listening posts in the Dordogne, in French Guiana, and also in its overseas territories, most recently in New Caledonia. One senior official within this branch of the French secret service was quoted as saying: "This is the game of the secret war. Our job is to do as they do, and to be just as good at it."

One of the current rows in the United States in the industrial espionage game is over encryption of commercial communications. All American military communications are encrypted and even France, with its sophisticated systems, would not be able to decode them. However, the US Government has so far prevented companies from encrypting commercial traffic to any significant level, and French intelligence would have no difficulty in breaking the simple codes and listening in to communications of companies such as Boeing, which might provide invaluable information for French firms.

The magazine claims are the latest chapter in the long-running history of paranoia that has existed between the American and French intelligence services over who is spying on whom in the post-Cold War world, where commercial and economic espionage has acquired equal status to military and political secrets.

The Americans once claimed the French were bugging Air France airliners to listen in to US executives talking business during flights. Last year, the CIA identified France, Israel, China, Russia, Iran and Cuba as the countries most engaged in illegal industrial espionage in the US. In 1993, the Pentagon boycotted the Paris Airshow after the CIA warned 49 US defence and aerospace companies that their technological secrets had been targeted by French intelligence agents. Two years later, France expelled four US diplomats and another American it accused of spying on France's telecommunications industry and other targets.

France has often expressed anger over the Anglo-American intelligence agreement, because even when the French have benefited from information the Americans generally handed over heavily sanitised versions.

As part of the agreement with Germany, it is believed that the French benefit from intelligence material gleaned by the Germans from listening stations in central Asia.

SHERWIN CRASTO / AP



A one-year-old boy in the village of Sarva in the Indian district of Kandla, which was devastated by a cyclone last week. The boy's parents are among the 10,000-14,000 people estimated by Oxfam to be missing after the disaster. The Government puts the figure at 1,320, but acknowledges that unregistered migrant workers may also have been killed. The official death toll in the worst hit state of Gujarat, which includes Kandla, was 1,063. Another nine were reported dead in Rajasthan and 12 in Pakistan. Most of the missing are believed to have been salt workers, including children, who collected seawater in shallow pools to extract salt. In the port of Kandla, all the salt workers had either been killed or fled. An unknown number of bodies were believed to be buried under several beached barges, thrown ashore by an 18ft wave caused by the cyclone. (AP)

Thousands missing after cyclone

Gurkhas to step up pension fight

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KATHMANDU

FORMER Gurkha soldiers yesterday rejected as insufficient an increase in pensions announced by the British Government last week.

Rises ranging from 23 to 51 per cent in pensions for 26,375 retired Gurkhas who have served and fought wars for Britain were offered. But the former soldiers are campaigning for pensions equal to those of their British counterparts.

Even with a 40 per cent increase, a retired Gurkha rifleman would receive £25 a month, while a retired British rifleman gets £470. "This is discrimination against us. We will be adopting a more aggressive campaign now," Padam Gurung, chairman of the Gurkha Ex-Serviceman's Organisation, said.

The group is organising a march to the British Embassy on July 16.



Five Wall Street brokers pose in a magazine advertisement for stockings that has been criticised for sending out the wrong message to men on the trading floor. A record number of sexual harassment cases were filed last year by women traders, but Anh-Van Nguyen, who features in the advert, said it was classy, not sexy

Arafat's gamble starts to pay off

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERICHO

IN A SPOT not far from the biblical Mount of Temptation, Yassir Arafat's gamble to improve the dire financial straits of his Palestinian Authority by creating an oriental mini-Las Vegas is at last beginning to take shape.

The giant $150 million (£92 million) complex is being built opposite the squalid Aqabat Jaber refugee camp, just outside the self-rule city of Jericho. The operating company, Casinos Austria, 33 per cent of whose shares are owned by the Austrian Mint, said yesterday that the Oasis Casino — with 35 gaming tables and more than 200 slot machines — was due to open in the autumn, followed by a 220-room hotel, golf course and tennis courts next summer.

Opposition from Islamic militants has ensured that little is being advertised in public until the project — the brainchild of Mohammed Rashid, Mr Arafat's economics adviser — is completed.

Its backers hope the complex will prove a magnet for tourists and for Israelis unable to gamble legally inside the Jewish state.

The militants, led by Mr Arafat's main political rival, Hamas, have vowed to scupper the plan, claiming that gambling is forbidden by Islam. "We consider this project a serious challenge to Islam and to Muslims," said Ismail Hanieh, a Hamas leader.

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Eleven dimensions and no time to gossip

Ten years after the publication of *A Brief History of Time*, Stephen Hawking is still seeking the last piece of the cosmic jigsaw. Interview by Jason Cowley



SIMON WALKER

Stephen Hawking in his office at Cambridge and, left, with Jane, his first wife, and their family. The couple married after his illness was diagnosed



At a conference in Geneva 13 years ago, Professor Stephen Hawking was suddenly stricken with pneumonia. Despite emergency operations, his condition deteriorated. Soon he was close to death, comatose and on a life-support machine.

Jane, his wife at the time, who had nursed him since he discovered in his early twenties that he had degenerative motor neurone disease, was asked if she wished the machine to be switched off, but she elected to give him the chance of life.

With the aid of a tracheostomy that removed his power of speech, he survived to write *A Brief History of Time*. This month he celebrates the tenth anniversary of the publication of the book, which has been translated into 40 languages, has sold one copy for every 750 men, women and children on earth, and has remained in the *Sunday Times*'s best-seller list for 237 weeks.

> Jane, his first wife, elected to give him the chance of life

Critics have compared the book to the biblical *Revelation*, a text tantalisingly providing a path to a fuller understanding of the mystery of creation; others have mocked its arid impenetrability, suggesting that it is the century's most unread book.

The truth, as always, lies somewhere between. Hawking himself jokes that, if you understood everything in the book, you would be ready to start a PhD in theoretical physics. What the book does successfully convey is the wonder of the Universe, of how revealed creation is stranger and more mysterious than anything dreamt up by even the wackiest New-Age occultist.

With the popularity of *A Brief History*, Hawking, now 56, became one of the icons of the age — a seer grappling with the fundamental questions of existence, a prophet unravelling the complexities of the cosmos, a friend of Hollywood, a television star, a role model for the disabled, a medical curiosity (no one has lived longer with his disease), a father and now a grandfather. However you describe him, he is a phenomenon. Yet, no matter how much you read about Stephen Hawking or how often you see him on television, nothing prepares you for the shock of meeting him. He sits in a high-tech, motorised wheelchair in his shadowy office in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at Cambridge, frail and motionless before a computer screen. His limbs are painfully thin — he cannot weigh more than five stone — and his head lolls wearily to one side. His skin has the smoothness and pallor of a baby's.

What little movement he has is restricted to two fingers of his left hand and to some facial muscles: he can raise his eyebrows and smile — radiantly at times. He is otherwise paralysed and requires constant nursing.

On one wall of his office there is a white screen covered in equations: against another there is a ceiling-high bookshelf. Around the room are photographs of Elaine, his second wife, his three children and his baby grandson. There is also a witty photomontage of him sitting at a table with Einstein, Newton, Marilyn Monroe and a less familiar figure, Data from *Star Trek*.

Communication is an endless difficulty. In the three hours I spent with him, Hawking answered only 11 questions. Each word of every sentence — sometimes even individual letters — is selected from an index on his computer monitor. He has a computerised speech synthesizer, through which he also communicates but, unless he is selecting pre-programmed phrases to be delivered in that familiar metallic American accent — yes, no, can I have some tea? — his responses are agonisingly slow.

Much has been written about the paradox of his condition, of a remarkable mind freely roaming the cosmos but imprisoned in a ruined body. Hawking does not recognise this description, nor does he believe that he is two separate entities, mind and body. "I have sometimes imagined myself as different people," he says, patiently scrolling through his index of words. "I think we all do that. But I have never felt myself as a perfect soul living in an imperfect body.

"I don't think there is a distinction between the body and soul. Which means that although I may take pride in my intelligence, I have to accept that the disability is also part of me and not something I can blame on a poor body I happened to pick up at an auction." This last is characteristic of Hawking's mischievous sense of humour: his books are studded with sardonic one-liners, and many of his remarks end in jokes.

He was born on January 8, 1942, coincidentally the 300th anniversary of the death of the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei, one of his great intellectual heroes. His father, Frank, was a research scientist; his mother, Isobel, was bohemian and politically radical. Hawking, a gauche, introspective child, went to St Albans School, where he was a gifted if not outstanding pupil. Then to Oxford, where he was more assured, raffish and intellectually imperious. He took a First in physics and moved to Cambridge as a postgraduate student in cosmology.

> I have never felt that my mind is trapped in my body

Not long after arriving there, he noticed that his speech was becoming slurred and his movements shaky. A specialist diagnosed motor neurone disease and gave him two years to live. He was 21.

For a few months he was lost, helplessly seeking refuge in music but not, as has been suggested, in alcohol. "The realisation I had an incurable disease that was likely to kill me in a few years was a shock," he has said. "How could something like this happen to me? Why should I be cut off like this?"

It is difficult to say what prevented his total collapse. His daughter, Lucy, speaks of his "indomitable will" and astonishing capacity for hard work. Others mention the selfless devotion of his first wife, whom he had known socially as an adolescent in St Albans and married after discovering he had the disease. "I wanted to find some purpose to my existence, and I suppose I found it in the idea of looking after Stephen," Jane said.

Reflecting on the early years of his illness, Hawking says: "When I was first diagnosed I couldn't see more than a year ahead. I didn't expect to have children, let alone grandchildren."

The couple separated in 1990. Hawking had fallen in love with Elaine Mason, one of his nurses and wife of David Mason, a computer engineer who designed a portable version of the voice synthesizer through which he communicates. The end of the marriage was messy and difficult, exacerbated by malign gossip and constant intrusion. Hawking was accused of selfishness, and Elaine of marrying him only so that she could bask in the reflected glory of his global celebrity. There was also the issue of his wealth — was she chasing his money? Jane Hawking, since happily remarried, refused to speak of her distress, although she once told reporters outside her house that she was weary of devoting her life to the "greater glory of Stephen Hawking".

As for Hawking himself, he maintains a stubborn silence. Of that period he will only say: "There are aspects [of my celebrity] I don't like, but it would be hypocritical to complain. I can generally ignore it by going off into 11 dimensions, but my wife finds it much more difficult. I didn't take much notice [of the media gossip]. I thought it would die down and it has. I'm hardly the only person that has got divorced and remarried."

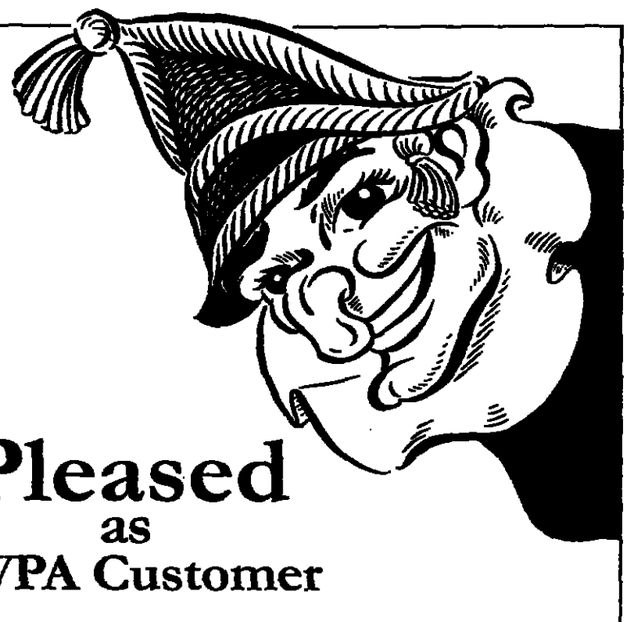
Why should we expect Stephen Hawking to be different from the rest of us, to live in a state of elevated self-sacrifice? Why shouldn't he be afflicted by the same driven passions and confusions? "My image of myself has not really been affected by my condition," he says. "Physical ability was never very important to me, so its loss was not a disaster. I don't know how blindness affects people, but I expect it doesn't remove their self-esteem. I feel like I have a handicap such as blindness or deafness, which is a nuisance but doesn't affect my validity as a person."

Perhaps the secret of Hawking's remarkable longevity is his refusal to dwell on what might have been, on the forlorn dream of an alternative life lived free of debilitating illness. Rather, he insists on projecting forward, thinking only of discoveries still to come. His work, he says, is his relaxation — and, one suspects, his fickle mistress.

"I want to understand how it all works," he says. "At the moment we have tantalising glimpses of the fundamental laws of the Universe. It is like pieces of a jigsaw. But we don't know the total picture or even if there is one. I have already lived much longer than expected, and I would be disappointed if I didn't live long enough to be sure that there was indeed a picture into which everything fitted."

He allows himself a slight smile. One hopes time will not defeat Professor Hawking before he finds the last piece of his immense metaphysical jigsaw.

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Money – the last social taboo

Asking a person how much he or she earns is offensive, in bad taste and downright rude, **Bill Frost** finds. It can even spell the end of a friendship

Sex, politics and religion are, by tradition, dangerous to discuss in polite society — dinner tables become battlefields and firm friends fall out badly. But these topics pale to insignificance in the lexicon of *faux pas* when set against money: surely the last social taboo and the one subject guaranteed to cause maximum embarrassment.

If reports from Paris are to be believed, Stella McCartney, daughter of mega-rich Sir Paul and chief designer at the fashion house Chloé, is today learning this lesson to her cost. She has allegedly sent a businesslike letter to fellow frockmaker John Galliano at Dior asking him how much he is earning.

Stella was not available for comment last night and the PR people at Chloé were keen to damp down the story. "I cannot say anything at this stage. It is just a rumour," said one source at the fashion house. Whether she actually posed the question or not, making the inquiry is an example of a major blunder.

Unless we are MPs, company directors or high-flying City partners, we keep our earnings to ourselves. What we are paid is an important element of our self-esteem and most people would sooner stand naked at a bus stop than expose the secrets of their wage slip.

A straw poll of professionals yesterday proved the point. Reaction to the question "How much do you earn?" varied between suspicion and aggression. Christopher, a barrister at chambers in The Temple, became almost truculent when asked how much he made. He thought the question "an abuse" of a 30-year friendship.

"That is not the sort of thing one man asks another — it impinges on the most private part of one's life. And anyway, if I told you then it would just cause resentment — you know how much we lawyers get."

But would he ask a fellow barrister about the fees he charged to fight a case? "Absolutely not! It is unthinkable, such vulgarity — not the way we conduct ourselves. Anyway, one can usually work out another barrister's earnings by the car he drives, the value of the town house, the country cottage and the tailoring. But to ask the chap outright — never."



Stella McCartney: Chloé designer

James, a landscape gardener who is usually affable, also resented the question. "What a bloody offensive thing to ask," he snapped. "I would never dream of asking you.

"One simply does not ask another person what he or she earns. It is almost as bad as asking about their sex life. In fact it is much worse.

"We judge others by their worth in the marketplace. If I told you what I made then you might think the less of me — or worse, you might envy me."

Such is the danger of talking earnings that some couples keep their salaries secret even from each other. Imogen and Michael James — she is an antique dealer and he works in the oil industry — have been married for 15 years and keep separate bank accounts. They never discuss earning power, secure in the knowledge that they are both successful.

"Just before we got married I asked Michael how much he was making," recalls Imogen. "He got quite testy; it was our first argument and I never asked him again. At that stage I was just starting out on my own with help from my parents. Daddy was worried that I might have to support Michael, and that was why I asked."

Michael's memory of the conversation is clear, too. And he remembers the resentment he felt when his bride-to-be asked the question. "It was as though she was asking if I was good enough for her — if I could make enough to keep her. I suppose I didn't want to tell her because I feared that it might not be enough.

"I know that some, probably most husbands and wives do tell each other how much they earn, but for us it is not appropriate. We both earn good salaries and split the bills but I do not have a clue what Imogen has in her account and vice versa. Talking about money is just so crass. The only time I would mention the subject is when we do our monthly domestic accounts."

But there was a time that he broke his own unwritten rule: a day that still makes him cringe. "I had just joined a Dutch oil company at what I thought was a very good salary — about £65,000, and that was ten years ago. Then I began to notice that there were bigger and better cars parked next to mine, cars owned by guys I knew were not performing as well as I was.

"It ate at me for a week or so and then I began to notice that the same guys were wearing better suits. I was beginning to lie awake at night brooding. So one Monday morning, I plucked up courage and asked one of these suits how much he was making. The guy gave me *such* a withering look.

"He told me that it was 'none of my bloody business'. More to the point, it was not the sort of question any gentleman would ask or answer — and he was from Texas."

Of course, the inability to ask the question — politely — does not take away the urge to know how much a friend or rival earns. But how does one broach such a delicate subject.

First, ask *yourself*: "Do I really want to know so badly that I would risk a loss of face on the grand scale?" Most sensible people would agree that personal dignity is worth more than an answer that either humiliates morally or humbles financially.

On the other hand, if another's worth is so important, the ultimate solution might be to hire a firm of private detectives. For the cost of a modest dinner for two, one can gain access to bank accounts, the value of share holdings and more.

The agency will ask no questions and your longing will be satisfied. However, such knowledge can be dangerous. You may discover that your brother-in-law/neighbour/business rival earns three times your salary.

Ignorance is bliss when it comes to considering the wealth or earning power of others. Money and happiness seldom coincide. Just ask any lottery winner.

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The urge to know how much a friend or rival earns can be consuming but dangerous

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Geri Halliwell's big, round eyes are "a perfect attribute for a career in showbusiness"

What your face says about you

Ginger Spice's big eyes could betray her innermost secrets. **Anjana Ahuja** reports

If Geri Halliwell, aka Ginger Spice, had consulted a Siang Mien expert, she would have realised that her outing with the most famous girl band in the world was doomed.

For, while the ancient Chinese art of face-reading deigns her big, round eyes a perfect attribute for a career in showbusiness, its philosophy predicts that she becomes "vulnerable should something not go according to plan".

Not only that, but Siang Mien also states that people blessed with large eyes "have absolutely no inhibitions about making a grand entrance". What better way to embody that stereotype than emerging at the biggest music awards ceremony in Britain wearing an abbreviated Union Jack dress with built-in knickers?

Everything about you, according to *The Secret Language of Your Face*, a guide to Siang Mien, is written in your features. Your personality, job prospects and romantic inclinations are betrayed by the shape of your nose, the fullness of your lips and the evenness of your teeth.

The future of your current relationship can be gauged by seeing if your Moon face is compatible with his Bucket face (this is good news for James Major and Emma Noble who, with their attractive angular looks, "make an absolutely unbeatable combination"). The mole on my chin is said to spell great happiness in old age.

And there's more. We can guess at sexual desires, although the book solemnly declares that "under no circumstances should we abuse our knowledge to gain an advantage over strangers, superiors, colleagues or subordinates". Fat chance. Men with bulging eyes enjoy wild, passionate sex, while people with small eyebrows derive spiritual pleasure from carnal abstinence. Individuals with one eyebrow higher than the other regard sex as forbidden, and women with slanted eyes are shameless and promiscuous.

Dispiritingly, the book doesn't do a bad job of summing me up: full of good ideas but too impatient to turn them into action (thick eyebrows) and a self-critical perfectionist who is likely to be in journalism or the media (small ears) — though it falls down badly by saying that my hooked nose has endowed me with "an infallible instinct for money and business". Alas, I possess neither.

Chi An Kuei, the Munich-based author, says that the only way to outwit Siang Mien is to have plastic surgery. Surely not everyone with prominent gnashers can be accused of being "stubborn, often pig-headed and prepared to lie for personal advantage"?

"Yes, it is true," Mrs Chi says excitedly. "I cannot explain it, but it is true in my experience. It works one hundred per cent. Why should we not believe it? Scientists cannot explain why we dream, but nobody disputes that we do it."

She believes that looking at face shapes is important for gauging whether a relationship will work. For example, two people with round faces will form a stable, loving, though not particularly passionate relationship. "If you don't believe me, look at couples you know," Mrs Chi says. My dinner parties will never be the same again.

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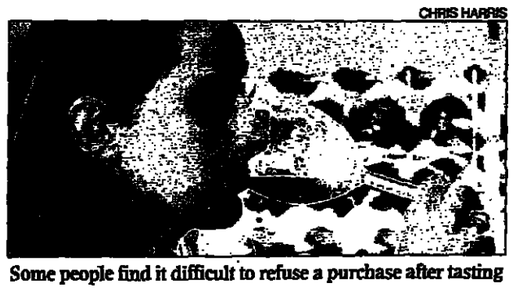
Taste the wine but drink beer

Try before you buy has hit pubs. Yesterday the Hogshead Pub Company introduced a policy, enabling customers to sample wines before they purchase.

The idea that customers might drink and nibble their way to a choice more easily abroad than in Britain is widespread, but largely unfounded. French market stallholders sometimes hope to boost sales by offering a taste, but woe betide any innocents who help themselves.

The most recent tastings I was offered in France were of donkey sausage in Lourmarin in the Luberon (I tasted out of curiosity, did not like it and did not buy), of a ferociously anchovied *tapenade* at a flower festival at Saillans in the Var (I tasted out of politeness, did not like it and did not buy) and of a rabbit pâté at Valbonne in Alpes-Maritime. I bought the last because I liked the rough-skinned countryman who was selling, but my wife pointed out that his passing me a pâté-topped *crouton* by hand would never have passed muster with Britain's hygiene authorities.

CHRIS HARRIS



Some people find it difficult to refuse a purchase after tasting

The opportunity to taste is a double-edged sword. Many people find it difficult to refuse a purchase after having a taste. Witness the reluctance of restaurant guests to send back even the most offensive wines.

In the most ludicrous case I have yet encountered, a restaurant manager argued with me about the inexcusable oxidation of a bottle I was supposed to drink and pay for on the ground that "the people over there had the same wine and they said it was lovely". Theirs might have been acceptable. It could not have been lovely. Mine was a different bottle and neither lovely nor acceptable. I won.

In truth, the "fantastic new range of wines" at Hogshead is replete with the most dire standard wines aimed at the mass market: Gallo, Jacob's Creek and even Mouton Cadet are there. All were featured in a "naff wine guide" by our wine correspondent, Jane Mac-Quitty.

Frankly, I would stick to beers. Hogshead has eight regular real ales, a couple of small breweries' product, two Belgian beers on draught and another ten specialities in bottle. Only they are not offering samples of these.

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Lessons of a Washington courtroom

Bronwen Maddox finds a black American jury not guilty of bias

After we had been locked in the jury room for an hour, the scuffed table under the fluorescent lights was covered in makeshift voting slips, mostly reading "Guilty" or laconically, just "G". Despite a lone plea — "We can't rush to decide a guy's future so fast just 'cos we want to go home" — we arrived rapidly at a consensus on the five charges facing teenager Robert Watson. He was not guilty of stealing Milton Cochran's gold 1988 Chevrolet — one of his friends might have done it. But we agreed that he was caught red-handed racing it across north-eastern Washington, and smashing into the back of a Mazda in a futile attempt to elude the police.

I've never been called for jury service in Britain, but it was no surprise that my number came up after less than two years in Washington DC. Holding an American passport as well as a British one, and living in what is disparagingly called "the District" rather than the greener Maryland and Virginia suburbs, I am one of just a few hundred thousand people eligible to sit on District of Columbia juries. Given the crime rate and litigiousness of the nation's capital, we can expect to be called up every couple of years, I now learn.

I'm hardly the first, on either side of the Atlantic, to be shaken by a jury's difficulties in grappling with details or legal principles. The forewoman could not comfortably count to 12: "We have nine saying Guilty ... so that makes how many still saying Not Guilty?" The judge's repeated reminders that the defendant was not obliged to take the witness stand got short shrift. "If I was innocent, I'd get right up there and tell people ... so as he didn't, he must be guilty," one juror said, to loud assent.

But for all that, I came away unexpectedly hopeful about America's ability to tackle its old wounds of crime and race. For a start, jury selection was a truly determined attempt to weed out prejudice from the initial pool of 100. Those with urgent doctors' appointments or philosophical objections to the rule of law were immediately excused. There followed questions about distrust of the police, or whether anyone had recently been the victim of a crime; to the judge's horror, nearly everyone stood up, but he patiently interviewed us all to see whether we were embittered. Most of the final panel — ten black, two white — were middle-class professionals working in the city government.

Then there was the impressive diversity and professionalism of the courtroom itself. The judge, who was black, was fluent and witty as well as film-star handsome: the government prosecutor, a white woman, was blind. A male paralegal helped her in picking the jury, and an elderly guide dog named Regius escorted her on the frequent trips to the bench: everyone carefully ignored his howl when she stepped on his paw. I wondered whether British courts would have made such efforts to enable her to use her formidable legal talents.

But most striking was the jury's matter-of-fact approach to crime and punishment — and the complete absence of racial issues in the discussion. The words "O. J. Simpson" came up often, but there was no claim that the legal system was biased against a young black man. Nor did anyone disbelieve the police officers (two white, one black), although the case rested entirely on their claim that the driver had been wearing a red baseball cap. There was sympathy for the young man, but the prevailing view was that "he's got to be taught he can't do that — he could have killed children". He has not yet been sentenced, but a majority of the jury felt he should serve time in jail.

It would be Pollyanna-ish to conclude from anecdotes that America is about to cure its oldest illnesses. A fatalistic acceptance of high crime rates has been embedded in the national psyche: America has seemed to regard it with despair as the price of economic success. And it is, after all, just over a week since three white Texans dragged a black man to death behind their car.

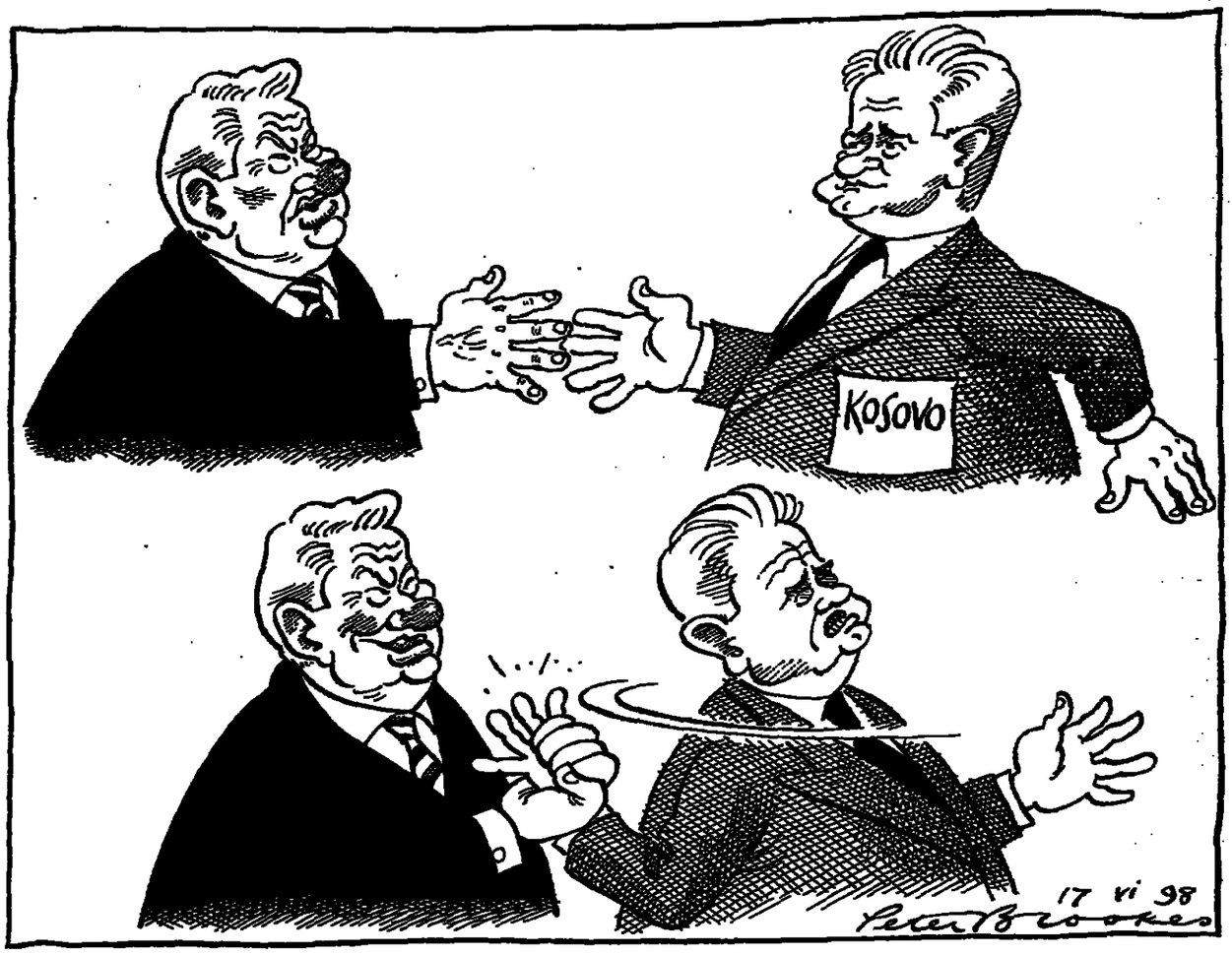
America is cautiously optimistic about race and crime

Such savagery is not, of course, confined to America's race wars. W.B. Yeats, in a letter in October 1922, records an almost identical incident: "In my own neighbourhood the Black and Tans dragged two young men tied alive to a lorry by their heels, till their bodies were rent in pieces. 'There was nothing for the mother but the head,' said a countryman." If people are prepared to dismember another person, it is not surprising that they might shred the social fabric of their country; the Irish precedent shows how intractable such deep-rooted hatred can be.

But there is, still, cause for American hope. Serious crimes are at the lowest levels since 1973, prompting headlines of "Where have all the criminals gone?". Several factors have coincided: economic growth, a smaller proportion of young men in the population, the stabilisation of the crack dealing trade. But tougher policing and sentencing, of the kind pioneered in New York City, have also been crucial in bringing about a new sense that crime can be tackled.

More cautiously, there is also optimism about racial tension. Again, the economy has helped, but so has the success of the Hispanic and Asian communities, which has recast the racial debate in more complex terms. Thirty years after race riots burnt the city centres, a multicoloured middle class is moving back.

If the economic tide now begins to ebb, it will reveal whether America has had long enough to come to a new view of its oldest problems: whether prosperity has simply pushed those diseases into remission, or laid the ground for a cure.



Brain-dead ministers

Why does this incorrigibly right-wing Government play the hooligans' game?

Simon Jenkins

England's alternative World Cup squad has at last raised its game. Gazza storming out in tears and Sheringham pouring whisky down his throat failed to move the spin-doctors. They gave Geoff Hurst a knighthood and even hinted at honours galore should the team win. But it took the barmy army to see real action. The old contemptibles, the minority, "the scum", the expeditionary force of tattooed postmen, paunchy railwaymen, soldiers and unemployed, all with money and time to kill, did the trick. The squad responded in kind.

First Tony Blair emerged from his Cardiff conference to declare that "these idiots are a disgrace". The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, then upped the ante with "a country betrayed ... a criminal element besmirching the name of football". David Mellor spun on a sixpence and scored with "they have dragged us through the mud ... send them to prison for a long time". Then Tony Banks let fly from outside the box: they were "sullying all football fans", he said, "animals, drunken brain-dead louts ... disgracing their country". Nor were the thinkers to be left out. Will Self debated with a Leicester "football studies lecturer" on television. "We must take this up to the socio-political level," they cried as one. "Something here is rotten in English nationalism ... we must change the whole agenda."

Those who regard the World Cup as a farrago are supposed to lay quiet for the duration. We are supposed to leave the airwaves and public prints to a coalition composed of verbally challenged pundits and intellectuals claiming a conduit to the proletarian mind by virtue of appreciating the "ballet of the working man". To them has now been added a cohort of politicians eager to nationalise football by declaring that the conduct of the team and its fans in France somehow places the nation's entire reputation at risk. There is, so they implied on Monday, national integrity riding on the back of some ranting idiot on the streets of Marseilles. I refuse to believe this. At such times we should all reach for the sanity chord.

In the course of an otherwise busy Monday, the Prime Minister, Home Secretary, Sports Minister and others decided to take time in front of the cameras to idolise a 32-year-old beer-bellied skinhead from Wellingborough named James Shayler. Mr Shayler is currently doing time in a Marseilles jail with two Liverpool louts on a charge of throwing bottles at the local police. They should not have done it. But whether their offence would have merited a ministerial soundbite assault normally confined to Saddam Hussein or Slobodan Milosevic must be doubtful. I fear the only reason is the World Cup, which seems to make all men mad.

We know from everything written about soccer hooligans that they glory in this sort of publicity. They did after Turin, after Heysel, after Dublin, after every historic punch-up between Arsenal and Spurs. For Mr Shayler to have "drawn" the Prime Minister, Home Secretary and every editor in Fleet Street must constitute a hooligan's royal flush. I wonder only that Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, did not get in on the act, calling Northampton a pariah state, stationing Tornados at Newport Pagnell service station and "sending an unmistakable warning" to Mr Shayler and his friends. Why be a slouch when a soundbite's about?

Most extraordinary of all was Mr Straw's contribution. He took a leaf from the notorious maxim of John Major on crime, that we should "condemn a little more and understand a little less". He derided any proffered excuses by declaring that "I don't want to hear any kind of examination of whether these people had bad childhoods or were dropped on their heads when they were kids". I suppose not. I suppose, this being World Cup week, we could castrate the hooligans on their return to Dover and burn liberal criminologists each day of the Cup on Highbury Fields in front of cheering fans. That would show how tough on hooliganism the Home Secretary really is.

Football seems to do this to otherwise intelligent people. The World Cup is a ridiculously overhyped event, like a Eurosummit or a United Nations General Assembly. The national teams are scratch squads, mostly of expatriate mercenaries long departed from their domestic leagues. The rewards are so huge and the hyperbole so nationalistic that play is hopelessly defensive. The last final was decided on penalties, as were both semi-finals in 1990. Prewar World Cups averaged over four goals per game. By 1990 and 1994 the average was down to 2.2 and 2.7. Most matches are decided by a margin of one goal and this year's final rounds will doubtless see the usual sequence of penalty shoot-outs.

Single goal margins mean that whole games turn on a single incident. Chile may well be ejected from the competition by one blatantly false penalty decision. This emphasis on single incidents, a peculiarity of soccer, is as unfair to players as it is frustrating, potentially infuriating, to fans. It is as if a cricket match turned on a single lbw decision, or a tennis match on a single line call. Enthusiasts say that this "sudden death" element in a scoreline lends tension to a match. I believe it redirects frustration from the game to the crowd. Where the crowd has been stoked to a frenzy of territorial loyalty this is risky enough. When that loyalty is national it indeed honours Orwell's maxim that soccer is "war minus the shooting".

Most sports find ways of updating their rules. Reforming soccer is like updating the College of Cardinals or the Eton Wall Game. The obvious change, debated by Fifa and others for years, is to make the goals bigger and thus increase scorelines or at least restore them to the prewar level. The size of a soccer goal — 8ft high by 8 yards wide — was fixed in a Holborn pub in 1863. It is now Holy Writ. Yet footballers are on average five inches taller today than in 1863. We need look no further for the cause of declining scores, more tedious matches and, perhaps, more frustrated crowds.

This does not explain the peculiarly loutish behaviour found among English supporters. For this a hundred explanations have been given: the glamorisation of the Premier League; the desperate marketing of team loyalty beyond what soccer can sustain as an on-field spectacle; the alienation of bought-in players from local neighbourhoods; the fragmentation of working-class communities and the loss of collective discipline among football fans. This is a rich vein for "soccer sociology". Most explanations are vitiated by the fact that football hooliganism is as old as the game itself. Before the war Arsenal fought Spurs with knives and iron bars, Celtic fought Rangers, Liverpool fought Everton. Now hooliganism has gone Eurostar. What is new?

All that is new is the zest to politicise. I do not feel "dragged through the mud or disgraced" by Mr Shayler and his colleagues. Tony Blair and Jack Straw may choose to identify their Britain with these people, because they hope to cash in on a World Cup victory. I prefer to keep out of it, and would like "Britannia" kept out of it too. But they at least have a clear choice. We now know beyond doubt that this violent minority cannot be kept away from overseas matches in which England is playing. The police and everyone else have tried and failed. Minority and majority are inseparable. Will the trip and you will the trouble. Take an England team to the World Cup and you take drunks, brawlers, louts and publicity-seekers.

One choice is not to go, avoid such contests and, please God, do not even think of holding the 2006 World Cup in England. The second choice, if not going is even more humiliating than seeing Mr Shayler and his ilk parading Union Jack tattoos on television, then take the rough with the smooth. Do not give the hooligans the publicity they crave and do not treat their behaviour as a national humiliation. Do not nationalise the World Cup. The Government's job is government, not sport. It is indeed "getting tough on the causes of hooliganism", to get to the root of whatever must lie behind these obscene outbursts, whether at home or abroad.

This is clearly beyond the primitivist Home Secretary. But is there nobody with any liberal credentials left in this now incorrigibly right-wing Government?

Alan Coren



■ Les fans anglais sont bien érudits — voilà la preuve

Today's column is addressed to those thousands of my readers either in, or soon to be in, France, with nothing to read between soccer matches. Just for you, a short list of this season's best buys in French bookshops:

☐ **Bonjour Vieillesse**
Published today to celebrate her 63rd birthday, the latest novel from the tireless nib of Mlle Françoise Sagan recounts the poignant story of a shy virgin of 63 who falls for a married man many years her senior. Enraptured by his maturity and style (he can remove his teeth, reverse the plates, and reinsert them without his hands ever leaving the rims of his bathchair), dazzled by his social contacts (in a whirlwind European tour, they visit 12 top geriatricians in seven days), thrilled by his love-making (his elegant Louis XV bedroom has pulleys everywhere), and stunned by his wealth (he made his first fortune at 14 by taking bets on the outcome of Verdun), she rejects her own generation of swinging St Tropez knitters, and becomes his bride. But trouble is in store when her husband's only son returns from prostate surgery and claps eyes on his ravishing young stepmother for the first time ...

☐ **Innocents, Tous!**
Turning from fiction, we come to a major piece of historical research in which M Gustav Pontfilet at last proves conclusively that nobody in Occupied France ever saw a German, let alone spoke to one. Pontfilet, who worked for the French underground during the war and received the Croix de Fer for keeping the Métro platforms free of inferior races likely to drop litter, has interviewed 20,000 Frenchmen who did not collaborate with the Nazis, 30,000 who never heard of anyone who collaborated, and 40,000 who thought the war ended in May 1940 and always assumed that when Ernest Hemingway burst into the Paris Ritz in 1945 brandishing a gun, it was because of a row over his bar-bills. Lavishly illustrated with photographs of empty brothels, shop-windows declaring *Hier spricht man kein Deutsch*, and gendarmes dancing with RAF tail-gunners.

☐ **Foul Canard**
Taking as his starting-point the moment when he was served, at the famed Hôtellerie des Mamelons Risibles, an absolutely foul canard which he promptly nailed to the wall, Oscar Pasdequoi leads us on a picaresque tour of the major disasters which it has been his sad duty as a Guide Michelin inspector to suffer: a truffled hog-snout in Nantes that defeated four of France's leading gastroenterologists; a piece of grit in a stuffed wren that ruptured his large intestine; a large intestine *à la manière normande* which proved to have been a small intestine inflated by bicycle pump before being brought to the table and therefore exploded when the flaming Calvados was poured over it, resulting in the loss of M Pasdequoi's hearing; and a crab at Le Crétin which woke while being eaten and clamped its remaining claw on the inspector's lip, where it remained throughout Easter — his doctor having decamped to Antibes with Mme Pasdequoi, who had, over the years, grown furious at her husband's refusal to grant her a rosette for the meals she cooked him at home, and finally cracked when he wrote to her complaining of sloppy service.

☐ **Pompon Arrache Son Nez**
A charming Gascon romp in which the inhabitants of a tiny village, incensed to discover that the Chief of Police has a talking pig, hang their mayor. Hearing of this, their priest, a loveable cross-eyed, stone-deaf, half-mad Senegalese midget, decides that, as a punishment, the Angel of the Lord should descend and turn that year's unprecedentedly wonderful vintage into vinegar. He accordingly prays for this miracle, and, a moment later, a giant tinker with a vulture on his shoulder walks into the church. The priest falls to his knees and explains his plan; but, to the priest's chagrin, the tinker turns out to be the editor of a Communist paper who is in love with the area's major wine-grower and has come to the village in disguise to woo the girl against the wishes of her National Front father. *Cinéastes* among you will not be surprised to learn that this warm and wonderful story of French provincial life is soon to be a major Renault advert.

Pin money

THE Prince of Wales is planning a round of golf with Cindy Crawford (pictured) and Gazza. Hitherto Prince Charles has maintained a healthy disregard for the sport — *so* gin and Jag — but he has put his loftier tastes aside in aid of charity for a few holes at Wentworth this month. As well as signing up his brother, the Duke of York (a bigger fan of the greens) he has bagged Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, and, possibly, Chris Evans and Jack Nicholson. George Bush and Jimmy Hill have sent apologies. For a man who likes life in the stirrup, the Prince is bracing himself for a widening of his social circle. As his private office scrambles to sign up celebrities, he has received acceptances from Ronnie Corbett, Henry Cooper, Jimmy Tarbuck, Russ Abbott, Michael Parkinson, Bruce Forsyth, a Mr Shakin' Stevens and someone called Bobby Davro, all desperate to swing with the Prince.



The Alfred Dunhill Celebrity Challenge on June 25 will raise cash for the Prince of Wales Charitable Foundation. Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise, Sean Connery and Arnold Schwarzenegger sent refusals. Richard Dreyfus asked to play but was refused as his handicap is 24, eight higher than desired. So has the Prince been working on his 19th tee patter? "He is not really a golfer," I am told. "But he realises it is a good way to fundraise. As you can see, we are striving for a wide variety of people."

● *IF YOU considered the hats silly at Royal Ascot, ready yourself for Cellophane. With a pessimism born from years of representing the likes of Ivana Trump, the society fixer Liz Brewer threw a vast rain-proof party there yesterday. Her guests, including Ivanka Trump, Ivana's towering daughter, were clad in shiny plastic and green wellies. The highlight? Seeing a member of my entourage, a good-time girl, gatecrashing the Royal Enclosure and exchanging friendly nods with the Queen.*

DIARY

Upper circle

IT MAY be the People's Dome but the best seats are to be reserved for swanks. Builders are constructing six huge structures the size of multistorey car parks within the Dome. The bottom floors will be used by Band A types to munch their burnt hamburgers. The top decks, with fine views of the exhibition, will be reserved solely for corporate jollies, especially sponsors. "Some companies have paid more than £12 million each, which has made it possible," says a hard hat. "We are pleased companies see it as an entertaining venue for the millennium." About as congenial as a night in the Marseilles clink.

● *WORLD cup watch, Tory-style. William Hague is monitoring how many unpopular announcements the Government sneaks out during big matches. Baroness Symons opened the scoring with her curious statement about arms to Africa, just as Alan Shearer was heading us to victory.*

Travel fatigue

FUNNY how that hippy, backpacking, finding yourself experience can suddenly seem fatuous (grim nights sprawled on a station platform). Sympathy then for Kate Winslet. While in Rishikesh, India, preparing for her next flick, for the first few days the starlet rested her delicate frame in a mud hut, braved a morning swim in the colourful Ganges and even sported an Indian bindi on her forehead. Then, quite sensibly, she left her chums and moved into a smartish hotel. This painful separation from friends must be what Miss Winslet meant when she once declared that an actress "must suffer for her art".



"Here's Godot, still no sign of my hospital bed though"

● *GLUM times for Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan. He has flown to London by PIA, (inflight feed: stale onion bhajis) as he could not afford the petrol for his jet. The poor chap has taken to eating rice without meat, and drinking green tea to save on the cost of milk. Is a nuclear arsenal worth it?*

Daddy's boy

THE latest offspring of an ageing rock star to follow in daddy's dubious footsteps (remember such precocious talents as Rolan Bolan, Jakob Dylan and Emma Townshend) is Adam Cohen (right). He is coming to London for his first British gig and to launch his debut album. Unlike his father Leonard, the lugubrious bedsit troubadour, Adam plans to whoop it up. He will stay at Kensington's Royal Garden Hotel, booked unwittingly for him by his record company.



"I used to work there in the restaurant," says Cohen, who spent a year in London during the early 1990s. "I got sacked for talking to the clients and trying to have a rapport with them." Failed suicides who still admire Cohen Sr will be delighted to learn that his offspring's "dark pop" record, *Cry Ophelia*, can be equally gloomy.

JASPER GERARD

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BORDER WARFARE

Modernisation cannot stop short of Edinburgh

The wheels of justice have ground exceeding slow for Tommy Graham. The member for Renfrewshire West has been under investigation for almost a year after the suicide of his parliamentary colleague Gordon McMaster. And while he awaits the judgment of the Labour Party, a verdict, albeit provisional, has been passed on it by the Scottish people. Opinion polls reflect rising support for Labour's main opponent north of the border, the Scottish National Party, and with every passing week Labour seems to manufacture more ammunition for nationalist sharpshooters.

Mr Graham's case is far from the only sleaze allegation that the SNP has exploited to embarrass Labour. Cronyism in Glasgow and corruption in North Lanarkshire have damaged Scotland's natural party of government to the point where it may be shut out of power when the new Scottish assembly is elected next year. If the nationalist bandwagon is to be halted, and the Union preserved, then the Labour Party must comprehensively muck out its byre. That should mean getting rid not just of corrupt old stagers, but corrupting old ideas. The temptation to trim must be resisted.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, has been unlucky in his opponents and his inheritance. His reported veto of Sean Connery's knighthood and blocking of the most emotionally charged site for a Scottish parliament were designed to deny nationalism rallying points. But he has been outmanoeuvred by the SNP leader, Alex Salmond, who has used these reverses to feed a sense of grievance. Mr Dewar is unfortunate that Mr Salmond has had years to sharpen his skills as an opposition politician while others in the Cabinet have faced Tories still finding their feet. He is also handicapped by the respectability the Government conferred on Mr Salmond when it invited the SNP to join the referendum campaign for a Scottish Parliament.

The SNP has been further helped by the seductive illusions which Scottish opposition politicians fostered during the years of Conservative rule. The myth was nurtured that Scots were a nobler people than the devil-take-the-hindmost individualists south of the border who voted Tory. Expectations among Scots of what a Labour Government should do were allowed to exceed those of English voters: now traditional supporters in Scotland appear more disillusioned than their comrades south of the border. The SNP has made of these old ideological comfort blankets a tartan banner under which dissidents may rally.

There is a temptation for Labour to counter the nationalist threat by retreating to traditional ground. But in any scrabble for the inheritance of Red Clydeside the SNP can always exploit the luxury of opposition to appear more radical and in any auction of Scottishness it can always outbid Labour. Mr Dewar can best beat back the nationalist threat not by adopting old postures but by embracing new. By positioning his party as unambiguously Blairite, he will distance himself both from the shadow of Old Labour corruption and the fantasy politics of the SNP. He should regard the nationalists as an opposition party closer to the mould of Labour in 1992 than 1997. Whatever the level of their present poll lead, or the resonance of their rhetoric, the detail of their proposals for government is unconvincing.

A sustained critical assault by Mr Dewar from a position of economic honesty will see the SNP, like Labour in 1992, fall apart under fire. Labour's candidates for a Scottish Parliament boast a level of professional competence and a reach across civil society that allow Mr Dewar to argue that a vote for them is the genuinely modernising option. It is only by being seen to reject Old Labour, its personnel such as Mr Graham, and its arguments, that Mr Dewar can recapture the initiative.

NEGLECTED GIFTS

Equality of opportunity applies at the top of the class too

Politicians and teachers constantly lament the "long tail" of underachievement in British schoolchildren. They are right to do so, but wrong in the process to neglect the problems at the head. Since the demise of direct-grant and most grammar schools, the top 10-20 per cent of pupils have been left either to find their own way in mixed-ability comprehensives or to leave the state sector altogether — an option that is now circumscribed thanks to the abolition of the assisted places scheme. In a system that prides itself on addressing "special needs", the needs of the high-ability child are woefully ignored.

Gifted children — with an IQ of more than 140 — are as far removed from the average as pupils with the most acute "learning difficulties". Yet, while the child at the bottom end of the IQ range will win a statement of special educational needs and extra help, the gifted child is left to his or her own frustration. High ability does not guarantee high achievement; and the resulting waste has costs for society as well as the child concerned.

Yesterday, the Government announced a pilot scheme for ten specialist schools to offer Saturday masterclasses to highly able children. This is a welcome development, not in its scale, which is puny, but in its intent. Ministers are beginning to understand that helping very bright children is not elitist but, in the best sense, egalitarian.

But what about the Monday to Friday school provision for able and highly able children? Some parents hope that the advent of specialist schools will help their bright children to be more suitably educated. Yesterday Estelle Morris, the schools minister, announced a further 51 of these, and the Government intends to double their number during the course of this Parliament, so that one in seven secondary schools will be specialist by the next election.

Any diversity in the state sector is likely to lever up standards. Yet these schools are allowed to reserve only 10 per cent of their places for pupils with special aptitudes. And they are specifically barred from selecting on the basis of general ability; they can require only specific skills. Moreover, there are no specialist schools in maths, science or the humanities — the main areas studied at primary school. Instead, they have to specialise in such subjects as technology, languages, arts or sport.

Labour is so desperate to avoid bringing back selection that its nods in the direction of talented children are likely to have little effect. Ministers hope that setting by ability within comprehensive schools will address the problems of the brightest. But in a completely mixed-ability school, even the top sets will contain a very wide range of ability, from the pupil capable of doing an Oxbridge doctorate down to one who would struggle to gain admission to one of the former polytechnics.

There is no escaping the fact that for bright, and especially for gifted children, the best educational solution is to be taught alongside their intellectual peers. That necessitates at least an element of selection. The best solution for them would be specialist schools that brought together pupils and teachers of a highly academic bent. Ministers may reject this option as unfair on pupils of lower ability. But by doing so they are penalising instead the brightest of Britain's youth.

SILLY HATS ON FOR INGA LUND

Believe it or not, there is more to June than the World Cup

Scotland had a moral victory over the Vikings as proud as draws of the past. Meanwhile, back in England, midsummer brings other sports. These too impose fancy dress on spectators, though their codes do not yet prescribe ginger wigs, tattoos or face paint. They also include ceremonial drinking, but of Pimm's rather than lager and litres of vin hooligan *Vieux Port*. They too are parties in the open air with traditions lost in the mists of the 19th century. But they take place at Prospero's end of the island.

For now is the high point of the English season. The Duke of York watched England open their campaign for the World Cup. But his mother is driven down the course at Ascot all week, and will present the Gold Cup tomorrow. About £100 million will be wagered at Ascot, and more money will be riding on Persian Punch than all the spread betting about who will score when in France. For gambling and the propinquity of royals are acts in these tribal rituals. The outriders driving the Queen's landaus wear white wigs like those of England football fans. But their uniforms of purple, red and gold are gaudier than all the spectator costumes on show in France, except for those of Jamaica.

Those who consult their Ascot wallcharts may note that a significant part of these rituals is rationing tickets and grumbling that the fixture is not what it used to be. By 1866 *The Times* was complaining that Ascot Week had lost all of its exclusivity: "It is a huge metropolitan gathering, retaining indeed some of the old prestige in the scarlet liveries of the royal party and the select circle in and about the Royal Enclosure, but in all other aspects an Ascot of the people."

England expects the Queen to drop in to the Long Room for a cup of tea during the Lord's Test, which starts tomorrow. She meets the players afterwards, but stays for no more than the 20 minutes of the tea break. The Lord's Test is the summit of the summer's cricket. But both England and the weather have poor records there. England have won only one Test out of 23 played against Australia at Lord's this century. After England's moral victory over South Africa in the first Test, spectators are anxious (in every sense) whether Donald and Pollock can bowl straighter than they did then, and how Paul Adams twirls his chinamen like a man changing the wheel on a moving car.

Yesterday Tim Henman was drawn against Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic for Wimbledon, which begins on Monday. He has been seeded four places higher than his world ranking justifies, so that his failure in the stock melodrama of gallant English loser will be more heartbreaking than usual. The marquees are going up, and the pink caps, faces and socks are coming out for Henley. So take heart. There are alternatives to the World Cup. For the English season has many stands and rituals and fans. The tradition that was missing at Marseilles was drenching rain, which brings out the best and dampens the worst of the British at play.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parole system and admission of guilt

From Mr Graeme Williams, QC

Sir, I believe I can answer, at least in part, Mrs Joan Rankin's question (letter, June 13) as to why the "accepted practice" of the Home Office and prison officers "to use moral pressure . . . to make prisoners wrongly admit guilt is never criticised and corrected".

My colleagues and I have, with (alas) only very limited success, sought by judicial review to challenge decisions of the Parole Board and the (previous) Home Secretary to refuse parole to prisoners who continue to deny their guilt. The problem resides mainly in the Home Secretary's latest directions to the board to take into account whether the prisoner has shown by his attitude and behaviour in custody that he is willing to address his offending behaviour by understanding its causes and its consequences for the victims concerned.

So long as the prisoner denies that he has offended, and regards himself as the victim, his prospects of meeting the criteria are slight, even though all other indications are that (as in a typical case in which I was involved) "prison can do nothing more for this man" and "the risk of his reoffending is minimal".

A decision to refuse parole to one client (as it happens in the same case), based only on a "failure to address his offending", was quashed. But when his case was reconsidered, and parole was again refused, this time for "lack of victim empathy", a second challenge failed. He never got parole, though others (perhaps less deserving of it) did.

Until this catch-22 requirement is revoked it will continue, in a fallible justice system, to work further injustice in cases such as that of Mr Patrick Nicholls (reports, June 10 and 13).

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME WILLIAMS,
13 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4Y 7EN.
June 15.

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, Chairman of The Expert Witness Institute

Sir, The appalling miscarriage of justice endured by Mr Patrick Nicholls resulted from defective forensic evidence as to the cause of the deceased woman's death. Both Professor Hugh Johnson and Professor J. Malcolm (Taffy) Cameron, who had been pupils together of the famous forensic pathologist Professor Francis Camps had agreed that the case was one of homicide.

The case demonstrates the fact that courts are heavily reliant upon the evidence given by acknowledged experts in both their written reports and oral testimony in court. At the Expert Witness Institute we are urgently considering how to improve the quality of services supplied to all kinds of tribunals, both in the civil and criminal jurisdictions.

Yours faithfully,
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Chairman,
The Expert Witness Institute,
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8-16 Great New Street, EC4A 3BN.
June 13.

Millennium products

From the Chief Executive of the Design Council and others

Sir, It is quite wrong to suggest ("Dome is not the mother of invention", report, June 8) that repeat submissions of millennium products are being encouraged by the Design Council to make up the numbers and reach some nominal target of up to 2,000 innovative British products by the millennium.

As it happens, we are well on target — over 1,500 products have already been submitted — but the number is not the real issue. What is important is that Britain will be left with a legacy of stories of British innovation and creativity which will last well beyond the millennium and help educate a new generation at school, in college and at work.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SUMMERS,
Chief Executive, Design Council.
HELEN AUTY,
Royal Society of Arts,
JAMES DYSON,
Dyson Appliances,
CHRISTOPHER FRAYLING,
Royal College of Art,
PAUL THOMPSON
Design Museum,
CHRISTOPHER WADE,
British Council,
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June 8.

Conditional support

From Mrs Frances Samuel

Sir, I am very happy to send a donation to the Handel Museum, if they promise never to say "Handeliana" (letter, June 15) ever again.

Yours sincerely,
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London W2 5AS.
June 15.

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Paving the way for Lords reform

From Mr Bryan C. McGee

Sir, The Lords are arguably the most cost-effective second chamber in any developed country. Their defence of minority and silent majority interests, as well as proven wisdom in amending hurriedly drafted Commons legislation, has been commendably impartial.

The proposed humiliating removal of rights from hereditary peers (report, Peter Riddell and leading article, June 9; letters, June 3 and 6) shows a meanness of spirit and outright vindictiveness we thought new Labour had put behind it.

Reform should be restricted to a single evolutionary step whereby the hereditary peers are invited to elect, say, 150 of their number, free of party labels, to retain full voting rights. Fifty of this group should seek re-election every three years.

In 1909 the Westminster Parliament passed the South Africa Act, creating the Union of South Africa only seven years after the Treaty of Vereeniging ended the Boer War. This act of unprecedented generosity was safeguarded by carefully constructed "entrenched" provisions whereby important aspects of the constitution could be altered only by a two-thirds majority at a joint sitting of both houses of the legislature. Sixty years later these provisions set back the more draconian policies of the Nationalist Government by at least a decade.

It should be of great concern to the country that our current administration, although enjoying a substantial majority in the Commons, was elected by well under half the electorate and yet believes it has the authority not only to alter fundamental aspects of the Westminster constitution, but to devolve the Union into self-interested fragments.

This issue is surely as important as that which galvanised the Countryside Movement last year to demonstrate that no government should tamper with the fundamental principles of British life.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. McGEE,
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Chapel-en-le-Frith,
High Peak SK23 0PU.
June 15.

From Mr John F. Lewis

Sir, Mr John Grigg's proposal ("No jobs for life in the Lords", June 11) to expand the *ex-officio* category of the Lords with office holders of national institutions has great merit. The task of compiling the list should fall on Paddy Ashdown's permanent electoral commission (see Peter Riddell, June 9) or the Boundary Commissions.

The office holders themselves, however, might not be available, as attendance in the House should not be confined to matters directly affecting their own constituency. So lords should be separately elected by their profession, association or the like, to sit for perhaps ten years.

The bishops would need no special place: they might elect one from amongst themselves, just like the others. Other religions and even hereditary peers could do likewise.

The Prime Minister has enough influence in the Commons, which is sufficient reason to deny him any appointees in the Lords.

So it would be a House entirely of such *ex-officio* members. Thus would be assembled the best of the nation's experts, representing every possible interest, from huntsmen to the homeless. They should be a worthy foil to the people's democracy of the Commons.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LEWIS,
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Carisbrooke, Newport,
Isle of Wight PO30 1DN.
June 11.

From Mr N. J. Inkley

Sir, It is disappointing that no party seems prepared to defend the voting rights of hereditary peers in the House of Lords. However, if it were only the *votes* of hereditary peers that had to be sacrificed on the altar of "modernisation", that would be greatly preferable to their banishment from the House and the opportunity to wait upon their Sovereign.

I would argue that the hereditary peers should still be allowed to contribute to debate in the Upper House; it would ensure that those still blessed with a vote would be optimally informed when they came to exercise it.

Such provisions could help to see us through a difficult change. In formulating that change, however, all should be aware that the more exactly the Lords replicates the Commons the easier it is to argue that we do not need a second chamber at all.

That would be the most unfortunate outcome of all.

Yours,
NEIL INKLEY,
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Preston, Lancashire PR5 4BQ.
June 12.

Paying for hooligans

From Mr Robert Williams

Sir, I do not know if the English FA or the Government has ever contemplated compensating foreign nationals who suffer damage to person or property owing to the behaviour of English football supporters (letters, June 16).

Doubtless there are many good legal and bureaucratic reasons why this should not or could not be done. However, there are, I suggest, overriding reasons, of fairness and the English reputation as a civilised nation, why something must be done and done quickly.

If the rest of us — decent football supporters or taxpayers — have to pay for it, so be it. It might make us more diligent to find a way of reducing the hooliganism.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WILLIAMS,
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June 16.

From Mr J. N. Murphy

Sir, Dare one hope that the Government and/or the Football Association will offer immediate, unquestioning and generous compensation to the people of Marseilles who sustained hurt and damage from the English hooligans?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
JOHN MURPHY,
White House, Pewley Hill,
Guildford, Surrey GU1 3SN.
June 16.

Lack of consultants

From Mr Roy H. Maudsley

Sir, You report (June 6) the Government's intention to train 1,000 extra doctors, which will lead to more consultant posts.

A consultant is normally ready for appointment at 35 years of age; and by normal retirement (such as my own, 15 years ago) at 65 years, he would have put in about 30 years; but many are retiring early, which requires more consultants to manage the gap between retirement at 60 and 65.

At a cost of £250,000 to train a doctor over five years (your figures), plus the additional training costs leading to appointment as a consultant, it must benefit the NHS financially for consultants to avoid early retirement.

It is the right of consultants to choose when to retire, but the reasons should be sought, and conditions and incentives provided for them to choose to stay on till 65, or later in special roles created to reflect their continuing value to the patients and staff. Such incentives could have an early impact on the shortage problem while the longer-term training of doctors proceeds.

Many leaving early do not do so for an easy life, but may engage in private practice, service overseas, etc, using the very skills acquired in, and still valuable to, the NHS.

Yours faithfully,
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(Retired orthopaedic surgeon),
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June 11.

Conservative reforms

From the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party

Sir, In his attack on the reforms of the Conservative Party, Julian Grainger (letter, June 11) succeeds only in maintaining the misconception that the party at a local level is both unwilling and unresponsive to change. If he succeeds in perpetuating this belief he will condemn the Conservative Party to many years in the wilderness of opposition.

The changes to the party, which were agreed at Harrogate at the end of March, far from taking power away from the members and constituencies, will in fact give members a say for the first time ever in the party's decision-making process, from election of the leader to selection of local, parliamentary and European candidates and the content of election manifestos.

Moreover, the creation of the board of the party has further enhanced the influence of our members in the country, given that it is, in the words of the new constitution, "the supreme decision-making body in matters of Party organisation and management". Half the members of it will be elected directly by constituency chairmen. These reforms are the product of a huge consultation process in which every member of the party was able to participate and, as a result of which, many changes to the original plans were made.

After the crushing defeat of 1997 the Conservative Party needed to act swiftly, and act swiftly it did under William Hague's leadership, reforming itself more in ten months than Labour did in 18 years.

We must now pull together and get our message across to the people of Britain, who still see the Conservatives as the natural party of government but need new reasons to support us.

William Hague has those reasons; we, the voluntary members of the party, must now use them as the platform to recruit, campaign and win elections.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HODGSON,
Deputy Chairman,
The Conservative Party,
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32 Smith Square,
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June 11.

Honours seen to be far from even

From Mr Andrew Knight

Sir, Mr Simon Jenkins's thoughts on our honours system ("The power of the gong", June 13) carry more weight with me than those of some other journalists of his seniority. For Mr Jenkins is still Mr Jenkins, not (as he could be) Lord Jenkins.

Would that more mediamen — journalists, broadcasters, bosses — of half Mr Jenkins's distinction had rejected (or somehow avoided) ennoblement. The Fourth Estate of Britain's media should rigidly hold itself (or be held) outside the honours system. In Mr Jenkins's words:

> As the prospect of honour nears, a man's daring is eroded by deference, loyalty gains the upper hand, soundness comes next to saintliness.

That is not the way to run or write a newspaper — or produce a radio or television programme.

Yours,
ANDREW KNIGHT,
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Shipston on Stour,
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June 16.

From Professor Anthony Wren

Sir, In an issue (June 13) in which you publish the usual list of knighthoods and other awards for services to the arts, sport, etc, you also report that Professor Tom Kilburn, the British developer of the world's first programmable computer, will be thrust from obscurity into the limelight at the forthcoming celebrations in Manchester to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his achievement; and that Tim Berners-Lee, the British inventor of the World Wide Web is, in the US, "receiving the recognition he deserves".

Many Britons have made great contributions to the information technology revolution; very few, if any, have been honoured with a knighthood.

A week short of Kilburn's fiftieth anniversary, is it any wonder that many Americans, including President Clinton (1997 inaugural address), still think that the computer is a US invention?

Yours faithfully
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June 13.

From Mr Ernest K. Barbour

Sir, The timing of the knighthood to Geoff Hurst (letter, June 15) shows the honours system to be anachronistic. It is some 30 years since he was part of a "great English achievement" and the level of the award seems to me to be odd.

The awards to showbusiness personalities and sportsmen and women, who are very well paid and command huge public adulation for doing what they enjoy and choose to do, is ludicrous. The so-called great and the good receive their rewards in this world and need no further encouragement or acknowledgement.

Also, the hierarchical nature of the awards is bewildering and unnecessary. If the system is to survive there should be but one level and that should be confined to those who do charitable or other work useful to the community with little or no reward.

If this is not acceptable then the honours system should be abolished, just as the House of Lords should be.

Yours faithfully,
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June 13.

Hunting referendums

From Mr Neil Moore

Sir, Your report (June 13) on the proposed local referendums carries the headline "Fox-hunting: the people will decide". Decide what?

I do not myself hunt, but if my neighbour wishes to, that should be his decision, not mine.

Yours etc,
NEIL MOORE,
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June 14.

Off the scent

From Mr Richard Armstrong

Sir, I am sure that Mr Malcolm Elliott's aftershave called "Bognor" (letter, June 12) was not the favourite of King George V.

Yours faithfully,
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June 12.

Uses for economists

From Mr Clive R. Wismayer

Sir, I have always understood an economist (letters, June 3 and 10) to be someone who, by looking out of the rear window of a car, can tell the driver where he is going.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE WISMAYER,
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June 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 16: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan) was present at Cardiff International Airport this afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of South Africa and bade farewell to President Mandela on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 16: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the Scotland versus Norway World Cup Football Match at Stade Lescure, Bordeaux, France.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 16: The Duke of Kent, President, this morning attended a briefing on the Engineering Council and afterwards met staff and toured the building at 10 Maltravers Street, Strand, London.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 16: Princess Alexandra, Patron of Anchor Trust, this afternoon visited the Goodmayes Scheme, Goodmayes Lane, Ilford, Essex.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, later opened the new Spiral C.T. Scanner Suite and, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the National Health Service, presented Long Service Awards at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow.

Princess Alexandra was received by Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord Braybrooke).

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the Mayflower Dinner for former British Ambassadors to Washington at the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, patron, Royal College of Anaesthetists, will attend a Diplomates' ceremony at Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 10.15; and will attend a Starehe Endowment Fund (UK) Aim High Appeal reception at Shell International, Belvedere Road, London SE1, at 6.30.

The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, Royal Society, will attend a "New Frontiers in Science" soirée, at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, at 7.55.

Michael Kempster, QC

There will be a memorial service for Michael Kempster, QC, CBE, at The Temple Church, London, EC4, on Wednesday, July 15, at 5.00pm.

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

At the June meeting of the Academy the following Officers were elected unanimously:

Chairman: Professor Roderick MacSween, PRCPath, FRSE.
Vice-Chairmen: Professor Denis Pereira Gray, OBE, PRCGP; Professor Leo Strunin, PRCA.

Birthdays today

Mr S.A. Bowes Lyon, Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, 66; Sir Michael Caine, former chairman, Booker, 71; Viscount Cowdray, 54; Dr Andrew Coyle, former Governor, Brixton prison, 54; Sir William Dale, legal consultant, 92; Sir Edward Downes, conductor, 74; Sir Patrick Duffy, former MP, 78; Mrs Laura Duncan, Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, 51; Sir Patrick Fairweather, former diplomat, 62; Sir Stanley Grinstead, former chairman, Reed International, 74; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, 78; Mr Ken Livingstone, MP, 53; Mr Kenneth Loach, television and film director, 62; Mr Hugh MacMahon, MEP, 60; Mr Barry Manilow, singer and composer, 52; Sir Peter Michael, chairman, Classic FM, 60; Professor Karol Sikora, oncologist, 50; Lieutenant-Colonel A.M. Sprot, former Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 79; Mr Brian Statham, former cricketer, 68; Captain R.W.K. Stirling of Fairburn, Lord-Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty and Skye and Lochalsh, 66; Lord Sudeley, 59; Sir Maldwyn Thomas, former president, Welsh Liberal Party, 80; Professor Sir Alan Walters, economist, 72.

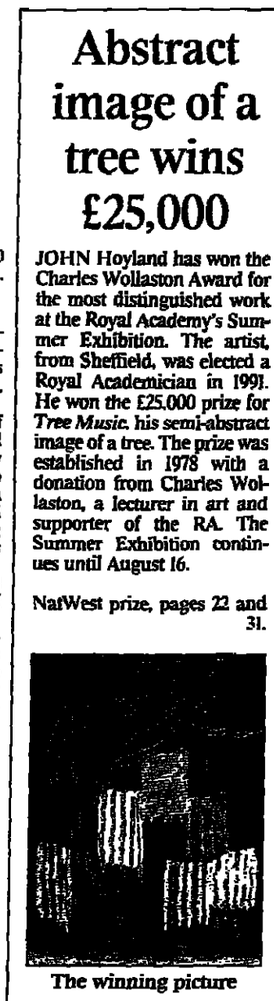
Church news

Canon David Charles James, Vicar of Highfield, Southampton, has been appointed to the Suffragan See of Pontefract (Diocese of Wakefield), succeeding the Right Rev John Thornley Finney who is to resign on September 13.

Abstract image of a tree wins £25,000

JOHN Hoyland has won the Charles Wollaston Award for the most distinguished work at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. The artist, from Sheffield, was elected a Royal Academician in 1991. He won the £25,000 prize for *Tree Music*, his semi-abstract image of a tree. The prize was established in 1978 with a donation from Charles Wollaston, a lecturer in art and supporter of the RA. The Summer Exhibition continues until August 16.

NatWest prize, pages 22 and 31.



The winning picture

ADRIAN SHERRATT



The artist John Hoyland in his London studio yesterday

Luncheons

FIRST

Mrs Margaret Becket, President of the Board of Trade, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of *First* held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, international president, and Mr Rupert Goodman, publisher, were the hosts.

Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps were among those present.

National Sporting Club

Mr David Willis, Director of the National Sporting Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal in honour of the South African Touring Cricket Team, Mr Tony Banks, MP, and Dr Ali Bacher.

Reception

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

The annual meeting and reception of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor was held at Butchers' Hall yesterday after the annual service of dedication at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield.

The Bishop of London, prelate of the society, gave an address.

Society of Antiquaries of London

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Antiquaries of London:

President, Mr S S Jervis; Treasurer, Dr D F Renn; Director, Mr A G MacGregor; Secretary, Miss J M Cook.

The Gold Medal has been awarded to Claude Blair, FSA, the Society Medal to Pat Chapman and Don Chapman and the Frend Medal to Dr Stephen Hill FSA.

Memorial service

Mr Daniel Massey

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Daniel Massey, actor, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden, Canon Bill Hall, Senior Chaplain, Actors' Church Union, officiated. Miss Claire Bhandhukravi, stepdaughter, read *Les Pas (Footsteps)* by Paul Valery, Mr Douglas Wilmer read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran, Miss Penelope Wilton, sister-in-law, read *Sonnet XVIII* by William Shakespeare and Mr Michael Pennington read *Farewell* by C. Day Lewis. Miss Anna Massey, sister, Mr Ian Marshall Fisher and Mr Ronald Harwood paid tribute.

During the service the Raphael Ensemble played music by Felix Mendelssohn, Barbara Cook sang accompanied by Wally Harper and Jocelyn Abbott played the piano. A tape recording of Daniel Massey singing was also played.

Among others present were:

Mrs Massey (widow), Miss Alice Massey (daughter), Mr Paul Ritchie (son), Miss Alice Rose Bhandhukravi (stepdaughter), Mr Geoffrey Massey (brother), Miss Rosemary Wilton (sister-in-law), Mr David Huggins and other members of the family.

Lydia Duchess of Bedford, Viscount and Viscountess Falkland, Philippa Viscountess Astor, Sir John and the Hon Lady Lucas-Tooth, Lady Holt.

Miss Sian Phillips, Mr Timothy West and Miss Prunella Scales, Miss Lynda La Plante, Miss Dilys Laye, Mr George Gritzgard, Mr Dinsdale Landen, Mr Edward Fox, Mr and Mrs George Baker, Mrs Ronald Harwood, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Frederick Treves, Mr and Mrs George Lane, Mrs Wendy Alexander, Mr Jamie Illingworth, Mr Tom Rand, Mr Christopher Morahan and Miss Anna Carteret.

Mrs Douglas Wilmer, Mr David Gothard, Mr Julian Mitchell, Miss Sarah-Jane Holm, Miss Maria Edwards, Mr Murray Lane, Mr Rupert Beltrage, Mr Malcolm Sinclair, Mrs Brenda Bonharm-Carter, Mr Alec McCowen, Mr Leslie Russell, Mr and Mrs Michael Peel, Mr Alan Bleasdale, Mr George Rogers, Miss Susan Bunce, Miss Susan Collier, Mr Peter Gale, Miss Virginia McKenna, Mr William Travers, Mr James Hayes, Miss Diana Parry, Mr G D Burnett.

Mr L A Price, Mr Richard Hawkins, Mr Allan Gruet, Mr and Mrs Cornel Lucas, Mr Moray Watson, Mr Mike Burnside, Mr Christopher Luscombe, Mr Peter Eyre, Mr Simon Treves, Mr Illtyd Harrington, Ms Angela Morrant, Mrs Olwen Lemar, Mr John Pitman, Miss Tricia Owen, Mr James Horne, Mr and Mrs Alistair Durr, Miss Polly James, Mr Gavin Craig, Miss Sheila Gish, Miss Gillian Bevan, Miss Gemma Jones, Mr Gawn Grainger, Miss Jenny Modeste, Mr Norman Rossington, Mr Duncan Weldon, Mr Frank Middlemas, Mrs Manlnia Weldon, Mr and Mrs Robert Young, Mr and Mrs Michael Prag.

Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mr Trevor Nunn (Artistic Director of the National Theatre) and other representatives of the theatre, with Miss Imogen Stubbs, Mr James Penstone (vice-president, Vic-Wells Association), Mr Richard Mangan (director, Mander & Mitchenson Theatre Collection) and many other friends and former colleagues.

Latest wills

Dale Lady **Tryon**, of London SW1, left estate valued at £745,231 net.

The Hon Robert **Fermor-Hesketh**, of London SW10, left estate valued at £1,616,392 net.

Ottilie Viscountess **Scarsdale**, of Brackley, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £535,607 net.

Cecil O'Bryen Fitzmaurice, 8th Earl of **Orkney** left estate valued at £117,765 net.

Betty **Gill**, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,947,099 net.

Frederick James **Peacock**, retired chartered surveyor, of Aberford, Leeds, left estate valued at £1,543,335 net.

Michael **Lindley**, retired company director, of Shepley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,411,115 net.

Colin Douglas **Grier**, of Cleobury, Worcestershire, left estate valued at £975,585 net.

Ronald Frederick **Farrant**, of Charmouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,399,052 net.

Simon Harry Piers **Jeffes**, of Wadeford, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,072,470 net.

School news

Birkdale School

The Chairman and Governors of Birkdale School, Sheffield, will hold a reception on the evening of Thursday, July 16, 1998, in the School Hall, to mark the retirement of the Revd Michael Hepworth as Head Master after fifteen years of distinguished service. All former pupils and parents are invited to join the school on this occasion. Please contact the School Secretary at Birkdale School, Oakholme Road, Sheffield, S10 3DH, telephone 0114 266 8408.

Harrow School

The Governors of Harrow School have appointed Mr Barnaby Lenon, Headmaster of Trinity School of John Whitgift, to succeed Mr Nicholas Bomford as Head Master of Harrow School in September 1999, when Mr Bomford retires.

St Dunstan's College

The following pupils have been awarded Foundation Scholarships at the College:

Michelle Bernard and Laura Crosbie, Rosemead Prep School, Elaine Athanas, St Mary's RC Primary SE9, Thujiharan Muthukumarasivam, Foster Park Primary, Robert Condon, Gordonbrock Primary and Elsa Ceyhan, Kaja Zuvac-Graves and Ajit Kanagaratnam, St Dunstan's College Junior School. Adam Gray also from St Dunstan's College receives an Honorary Scholarship. Rebecca Bailey from Dulwich Hamlet Juniors awarded a Music Scholarship.

Sixth Form Scholarships have been awarded to:

Natalie Atere-Roberts and Nicola Marven, Blackheath High, Shazia Naim, Sydenham School and Nicholas Freds and Alex Massey, St Dunstan's College.

Old Dunstonians are asked to note that the Old Dunstonian and Open Day is on July 4. The Arts Festival is held at the College from July 5 to July 7 and Cricket Week ends on July 9.

South Hampstead High School GDST

The Annual South Hampstead Old Girls Tea will take place on July 2, 1998, between 3.30-5pm. There will be tea and tours of the school. Please call the school on 0171-435 2899 to book a place: £5.00.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.K.J. Browne and Miss J.S. Thatcher
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Major and Mrs M.E.A. Browne, of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Thatcher, of Staines, Middlesex.

Mr A.J. d'Angibau and Miss V.L. Chown
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John d'Angibau, of Aldham, Essex, and Virginia, younger daughter of Mr David Chown, of West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Felicity Chown, of Horton, Bedfordshire.

Mr L. Everaert and Miss C. Goldie
The engagement is announced between Luc, son of Mr Antoine Everaert and the late Mrs Frieda Everaert, of Eeklo, Belgium, and Caroline Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Goldie, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr D. Higham and Miss J.C. Acheson
The engagement is announced between Dominic, only son of the late Mr David Higham and of Mrs Nina Higham, of Chelsea, London, and Jessica Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Acheson, of Castlecaulfield, Co Tyrone.

Mr B.D. Karoly and Miss A.M. Hewson
The engagement is announced between Brian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Laszlo Karoly, of Cobham, Surrey, and Annabel, eldest daughter of Mr David Hewson, of south west France, and Mrs Anne Hewson, of Kensington, London.

Mr J.P.T. Sewell and Miss T.M.A. Phillips
The engagement is announced between James Patrick Toyne, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sewell, and Tania Marie Antoinette, daughter of Mrs Cecil Phillips and the late Mr Cecil Phillips.

Mr C.B. Holtby and Miss P.J. Smeed
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Holtby, of Lanford, Wiltshire, and Polly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Smeed, of Orford, Suffolk.

Mr P.F. Lewin and Miss R.B. Dinwiddy
The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Lewin, of Godalming, Surrey, and Rachel, younger daughter of the late Professor and Mrs John Dinwiddy.

Mr S. Von Bismarck and Miss N. Kheraj
The engagement is announced between Stephan, son of Mr and Mrs Gunther Von Bismarck, of Wiesbaden, Germany, and Nilufer, daughter of the late Mr Jimmy Kheraj and of Mrs Zarina Kheraj, of Dulwich, London.

Marriages

Mr T.J.W. Foord-Kelcey and Miss S. Okurano
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 6, in Cornwall, between Mr Toby Foord-Kelcey and Miss Shoko Okurano.

Mr C.C. Prideaux and Miss B.H.V. Hoogeweegen
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Edington Priory Church, of Mr Charles Prideaux, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Prideaux, of Doddershall Park, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Barbara Hoogeweegen, elder daughter of Mr Andrei Hoogeweegen and the late Mrs Annelike Hoogeweegen, of Sandridge Park, Wiltshire. The Rev David Belcher officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Milo Corcoran, Alisha Moninska, Patrick Reed, Thomas and William Prideaux and Polly and Harriet Mainds. Mrs Nicola Reed was matron of honour. Mr James Wood was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Edward I, reigned 1272-1307, London, 1239; John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, Epworth, Lincolnshire, 1703; William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, astronomer, York, 1800; Charles François Gounod, composer, Paris, 1818; Sir William Crookes, physicist, discoverer of thallium, London, 1832; Igor Stravinsky, composer, Oranienbaum, Russia, 1882; James Cameron, journalist, Battersea, 1911.

DEATHS: John III Sobieski, King of Poland 1674-96, Wilanow, 1696; Joseph Addison, essayist, London, 1719; Sir William Wyndham, politician, Wells, 1740; Lord William Bentinck, Governor-General of India 1827-35, Paris, 1839; Richard H. Barham, author of *The Ingoldsby Legends*, London, 1845; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, London, 1898; Dorothy Richardson, novelist, Beckenham, Kent, 1957; John Cowper Powys, novelist, Blaenau, 1963.

German aircraft sank the troopship *Lancastria* off St Nazaire and more than 2,500 troops and refugees perished, 1940.

The first kidney transplant operation took place in Chicago, 1950.

Edwin Land patented the Polaroid camera, 1970.

Five men were caught attempting to bug the Democratic National Committee offices at The Watergate complex in Washington, 1972.

Church in Wales

The Rev Manon Ceridwen Parry, previously Curate of Llandudno, has been licensed as Cleric in Charge of Glanogwen with St Ann's with Llanllechid.

Assistant Recorders

The following candidates for Assistant Recordership have been successful in their applications:

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Miss Jane Elizabeth Mackay-Miller
Mrs Loraine Morgan
Mr Timothy John Mousley
Mr Alastair Hubert Norris, QC
Mr Stewart Patterson
Mr Martin Thomas Picton
Mr Philip Alexander Shepherd
Mr Jonathan Peter Swift
Mr Robin Stewart Tolson
Mr Philip Hugh Wassall
Mr Peter Malcolm Wright.

Dinners

Royal Academy

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were the guests of honour at the Mayflower Dinner held last night at Burlington House and organised jointly by the American and British Trustees of the Royal Academy of Arts to honour former British Ambassadors to the United States. Sir Philip Dowson, President of the Royal Academy, presided. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, and Mrs Anne Armstrong also spoke.

Among others present were:

Mrs Philip Lader, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, the Hon Peter and Mrs Jay, Sir Denis Thatcher, Lady Dowson, Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Sir Trevor and Lady Chinn, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir Oliver Wright, Mr Tobin Armstrong, Mr and Mrs James Staughter, Mr David Salz, Miss Dianne Allen Nixon, Mr and Mrs A Alfred Taubman, Mr David Tang, Mrs Russell B Aitken, Mr Clifford Henderson, Mrs Frances Scaife, Mr Thomas McCarter, Miss Lucy Wantage and members of both Houses of Parliament.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held last night at Cranfield University. Professor Frank Hartley, Vice-Chancellor, was the host. Lord Craig of Radley, Lord Perry of Walton, FRS, and Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, were among those present.

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BIRTHS

BERRY - On June 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Beverley and Brian, a son, Thomas Albert, a brother for Claudia.

CAREY-MORGAN - On June 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Bridget (née Posgate) and Charles, a son, Alexander William, a brother for Henry.

DE GROOT - On June 12th 1998, to Deborah (née Williams) and Mark, a son, Henry Francis, a brother for Poppy.

GRUMITT - On June 10th, to Elizabeth (née Driver) and John, a daughter, Olivia Georgina Elizabeth.

GUDELIS - On June 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Patty (Marie Dimond) and Rimas Jon, a daughter, Phoebe, a sister for Hana.

HANKS - On 10th June 1998 at El Camino Hospital, California, to Vanessa (née Gibb) and Dale, a daughter, Jessica Amy.

KEANE - On June 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia (née Godfrey) and David, a daughter, Isabel.

KELLY - On June 11th, to Jeremy and Erica (née Hollern), a son, Jack Christopher.

KITCHIN - On June 5th, to Lindsey (née Grist) and Nick, a son, Angus Michael David, a brother for Harry.

McCREADY - On June 9th, to Gillian (née Ball) and Iain, a daughter, Saskia Alexandra Kate, a sister for Rebecca.

MOONEY - On 6th June in Bristol, to Elizabeth (née Holmes-Milner) and Stephen, a son, Benedict Charles Roderic.

NATION-DIXON - On Saturday 13th June, to Emma (née Shelton-Agar) and Francis, a son, William Mungo.

NORBURY - On 11th June, to Fiona (née Nicolle) and Jonathan, a daughter, Esme Carolyn Anne, a sister for Hugo.

BIRTHS

PEAKE - On June 15th to Tanya (née Cochrane) and Anthony, a daughter, Victoria Aphra Lowsley, a sister for Patrick and Francesca.

SYMINGTON - On Tuesday June 9th, to Caroline (née Mack) and John, a son, Jethro Samuel, a brother for Freddie.

THEOBALD - On Thursday June 11th to Victoria (née Ramsay) and Christopher, a daughter, Camilla Kate, a sister for Iona.

UBERUAGA - On June 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Kathleen and Jeffrey, a daughter, Eliza Johnson.

DEATHS

ADDISON - Geraldine died peacefully in Worthing Hospital on 14th June 1998 with us her children around her. We invite her many friends to come and celebrate her life on Sunday 19th July at her home 12 noon. Flowers will be welcome.

AUSTIN - William Herbert, B.Sc., F.I.C.E. of Rosyside, Hereford. Died peacefully at Sant Tysilio, Anglesey on June 15th 1998. Much loved husband of the late Muriel Elizabeth and father of Bryan Newns. Private Cremation.

BARKI - Sarah (Rita) peacefully at home on 12th June 1998 aged 95. A truly courageous lady, devoted mother and grandmother. Deeply mourned by daughter Rowita and grandson Paul-Daniel, family and friends. Laid to rest beside her beloved Maurice at Edgewarebury Sunday 14th June. Forever in our hearts.

BECK - Sidney on June 15th at Ilkley aged 82 after a long illness. Husband of the late Ruth, loved father of Daniel, Julia, Lucy, and Benjamin and grandfather of five; partner of Marian Palmer and dear friend of her family. Funeral at Rawdon Crematorium, Leeds at 2 pm on Friday June 19th. Donations in his memory to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

BROWN - Lt. Col. Paul Ramsey of Little Wheinetham, Suffolk, on 14th June 1998 aged 92, peacefully following a stroke. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene, Little Wheinetham on Wednesday, 24th June at noon. Family flowers, donations to the church. Enquiries to L. Fulcher Ltd., Bury St Edmunds, 01284-754049.

BROWN - John Stanley FCIS FCWA ACCA on June 12th formerly of Bexhill-on-Sea sometime of Isleworth Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Weybridge. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill on Friday 26th June at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Eastbourne at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request.

CAREY-MORGAN - William, much loved husband, father and grandfather, died suddenly on June 11th. Funeral on Friday June 19th at 2 pm Bangor Crematorium. Enquiries c/o H.O. Davies Ltd., tel: (01248) 362650.

CLARKE - Dorothy Margaret, peacefully in hospital on 16th June 1998. Much loved mother of Patricia and grandmother of Justina and Sharmaine.

DALTON - Peter John M.R.C.V.S., on 16th June, 1998, after a courageous fight against cancer. Much loved husband of Ziz and generous father of Tony, John and Sue. Will be greatly missed by all his family, fellow professionals and many sporting friends. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on 23rd June at 3.40 pm for family and friends. Details of his Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. In his own words "It has been fun". Family flowers only, please make donations to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust or The Motor Neurone Disease Association, c/o I. N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55, Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

DARBY - Christopher John, peacefully at home on June 14th. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at St Richard's R C Church, Cawley Road, Chichester at 12 noon, Friday, June 19th. Family flowers only. If desired donations, in lieu, to Cancer Research.

DAWS - Peacefully on 16th June in her sleep at home in Pickering, North Yorkshire Betty, Dearly beloved wife of Wallace Avery Daws and dearly loved mother of Sue (Knowles) and John also adoring grandmother of Simon and Paul. Funeral Service at St Peter & St Pauls Church, Pickering on Friday 19th June at 1.00pm.

EDWARDS - (Bro. Herman) on 13th June 1998 very suddenly after a long illness, aged 73. A staunch fighter for the causes of Peace, Justice, Freedom and Equality he is much loved and missed by his large family and circle of friends. Heartfelt thanks go to the staff of the Orchard Lodge Nursing Home who cared for him in his final illness. Funeral at St Mathias Church, Hackney on 19th June 1998 at 2.00pm, followed by burial at the City of London cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if wished, to the Martin Luther King Memorial Trust, c/o Bishop of Croydon, 53, Stanhope Road, London CR0 5SF.

HILL - James Thomas BSc. C. Chem. C. Eng. (Ex B.P. Staff) formerly of Staines, Middlesex and lately of Mellor, Lancashire. On June 14th peacefully in hospital in Blackburn. Loving husband of Mary and dear father of Elizabeth and John. Enquiries to The Alty Funeral Service, Broomfield Place, Witton, Blackburn Tel. 01254 51251.

HUBBARD - Joanne on June 12th, peacefully after an illness bravely borne. Beloved wife of Derek, mother of Rowan and Candida, granny of Emma, Robert, Frances and Phoebe. Family cremation. All are welcome to a Thanksgiving Service at St Lawrence Church, Effingham at 2.30 pm on Friday June 19th. Please no flowers. Donations if wished to Princess Alice Hospice, c/o L Hawkins & Sons Ltd, Highlands Road, Leatherhead KT22 8ND.

JOHNSTONE - Roy Harvey O.B.E. on June 13th 1998 at Kings Oak Hospital Enfield. Barrister at Law Co-Founder of The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board latterly Judge for the Medical Appeals Tribunal. No flowers please but donations to British Limbless Ex Servicemens' Association Tel: 0181 590 1124. Funeral to be held Enfield Crematorium 12pm July 1st.

JOLLEY - On June 15th 1998 suddenly at Littlehampton Cyril Percy aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Poppy, a dearly loved stepfather, step-grandfather and great step-grandfather. Service Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday June 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, for "Guide Dogs for the Blind" may be sent c/o and all enquiries to H D Tribe Ltd., 5 Surrey Street, Littlehampton, W. Sussex Tel: 01903 732 986.

KENNEDY - Nicholas Telford of Cobham, Surrey. Unexpectedly, on 14th June 1998. Much loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Sarah. Cremation service at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Surrey on Monday 22nd June at 11.30 am. Close family flowers only. Donations may be made to British Heart Foundation c/o James and Thomas Ltd, Mill Road, Cobham, KT11 3AL.

KESTELMAN - Morris Kestelman R.A. Died suddenly and peacefully in hospital on June 15th. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel on Friday June 19th at 11.30 am. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3 4QS, tel: (0171) 586-4221.

KRAMER - Bertha, widow of Alec, mother of Edna Cohen and Audrey Kallman, died peacefully Monday 15th June. Evening prayers at home until Sunday 21st June.

LISTON - Aidan Pitfodels Menzies, dearly loved husband of Rachel and much loved family, died 10th June 1998 very peacefully.

LOGAN - Sheila Courtney 85 formerly St. Leger, née Drake. Died on 13th June. Beloved wife of Dr. Daniel Crawford Logan. Mother of Patrick, Fiona, Anthea. Memorial Service at 1.30 pm 22nd June at St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey. Donations if desired to Save The Children Fund 17 Grove Lane, London, SE5 8RD.

McKEOWN - William (Bill) peacefully at home on 13th June after a long illness borne with good humour and great courage. Cherished husband of Octavia, dearly loved father of Stephen, loving father-in-law of Ann and grandpa of Amy and Sula. Service to be held at St John's Church, Church Lane, Loughton on Friday 26th June at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations to Loughton Cricket Club c/o Warriner & Sons 32, Church Hill, Loughton IG10 1LA.

MUNT - Violet died peacefully at Kingston Hospital on Sunday 14th June. Cremation to take place at Kingston Crematorium on Monday 22nd June at 3.40 pm. Donations please to the ICU at Kingston Hospital.

NEVILLE-JONES - On 14th June 1998, L. E. N. (Teddy), greatly loved husband to Sheila and father to Douglas and Peter. Thanksgiving Service Monday 22nd June, 3.30 pm at the Church of the Transfiguration, Chaddesley Glen, Canford Cliffe, following a family committal at Poole Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations for the M.R.I. Critical Care Appeal, Dorchester, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

NICHOLLS - Pam passed away 14th June, aged 83. Much loved Mother, Founder and Headmistress The Mill School Potterne. Family Funeral Perlock 26th June. Thanksgiving Service St Mary's Potterne 1.30 pm Monday 29th June. Donations to "Tibetan Society" c/o D S Bousfield, Wansbroughs, Northgate, Devizes, SN10 1JX 01380 723811.

THOMAS - Lieutenant-Commander Peter Morison David, RN retd, JP, suddenly on 13th June, aged 72. Much loved husband of Pat, father of Adam and Mark, father-in-law of Chris and Julie and grandfather of William, Alexander and Edward. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Roopersteed at noon on Wednesday 24th June. No flowers please but donations might be sent, for St Andrew's Church, to H J Paintin Limited, 43, High Street, Linton Cambs CB1 6HJ.

To place obituaries, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ENGLISH - A private funeral service for Sir David English will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on Monday June 22nd at 12 noon for family and close friends. There will be an open Memorial Service later in the autumn. Sir David will be laid to rest in Switzerland the day after the funeral service with only immediate family present. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD. All donations will be acknowledged.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DAVIS - Benjamin Tillett. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Francis Hall, University of Birmingham on Thursday 16th July at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

GORDON - In memory of my beloved Helen and the 30 years of happy life together. Jack.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

REAVE - In loving memory of Reavie, Kathleen Rachel Mabel, (née Kane, of the Kane family in Castlederg, Tyrone, Northern Ireland) who passed away on Tuesday, 17th June 1997. A lady of beauty, charm and culture; loved by everyone who knew her. Artist and teacher at Oakland School, Loughton, Essex; St. Peter's and Norseland School, Felixstowe, Suffolk. Beloved mother of Freddie and Jackie; grandma to Florence, Tom, Lili and Lucy; devoted sister of Hazel, Geoff, and Tom; close friend of the Attfields of Ashbocking, Suffolk; Joan Ormston-Straw, artist and teacher; and the artist Gordon "Nipper" Shepherd; most devoted and loving partner of Joseph A. George. 'Kathleen, they know not of the beginning. Yet with such profundity of learning. The doubting Thomases will still contend, Your death is an unreturnable end. Beloved, as said He, of Galilee, They have eyes, though open, they do not see, A sun, dying, comes back, alive, aglow; Babe-buds of spring, burst forth, from tombs of snow.' J.A. George.

WILKINSON - Phyllis 17th June 1907. Little bear you will never know how much I miss you. One year nearer being with you. Love C.

BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

SIR WILLIAM BENTLEY

Sir William Bentley, KCMG, former Ambassador to Norway and the Philippines and High Commissioner in Malaysia, drowned on June 10 aged 71. He was born on February 15, 1927.

Soon after being appointed high commissioner in Malaysia in 1981, Bill Bentley was to find himself in the right place — but at the wrong time. His diplomatic career which had been concentrated in the Far East, had already included a four-year spell in Kuala Lumpur, as head of chancery in the late 1960s during the confrontation with Indonesia.

Now, however, he was to face a still stiffer test following the election of a new Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir, a man hell-bent on refocusing his country's foreign policy. Measures aimed at discriminating against British trade and investment were introduced as the new Government looked increasingly towards Japan and its other Asian neighbours. Britain's decision to raise the costs for overseas students did not help. Nor did some remarks by Bentley about Britain's past support for Malaysia.

As Mahathir inveighed against the "arrogant and high-handed" attitude of successive British governments and the "demeaning" treatment of his country's officials by their British counterparts, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, flew out to Malaysia in an effort to limit the damage to British business. As for Bentley, a highly experienced senior diplomat, he was considered unlucky to have coincided with the coming to power of Mahathir who, in seeking to assert himself, was spoiling for a fight with the old colonial power.

Bentley had arrived in Kuala Lumpur after five years as Ambassador to the Philippines, where he had cemented a strong relationship with President Marcos and his Government, impressing both London and Manila by his assiduous tours throughout the country. After two years in Malaysia, however, he sought a change of climate — political perhaps as well as physical — and accepted the job of Ambassador to Norway. It might not have been his first choice for a final post, but the contacts it involved with the North Sea oil and gas industry were to provide him with a second career after retirement. He was appointed KCMG in 1985 while in Oslo, and left the service two years later at the age of 60.



Bentley on his appointment as Ambassador to Norway in 1985

William Bentley had been born in Bury, Lancashire, where his father taught at a technical college. From Bury High School, he went to Manchester University to read history, only to be called up after a year at the tail end of the war. Drafted into the RAF he served as an NCO in its education branch in the Azores for the next two years.

He then returned to university, not to Manchester but to Wadham College, Oxford. He played tennis for Wadham and won a half-blue for badminton before taking a first in history in 1951. He next won a place for 12 months at the College of Europe in Bruges, studying political and economic problems with other postgraduates from the continent. The film critic Alexander Walker was a contemporary.

After joining the Diplomatic Service in 1952, Bentley was dispatched to Japan. He spent the next five years there, first as a language student then in the political section of the embassy, where he was recognised as a high-flier. Returning to Whitehall, he was in the United Nations department of the Foreign Office (FO) before leaving in 1960 to join Britain's mission at the UN itself.

From thereon, however, Bentley's career largely revolved around the Orient. From being in the Far East department of the FO he served his first term in Kuala Lumpur, 1965-69, then returned to Japan as deputy commissioner-general of the British Pavilion at Expo 70 in Osaka. He would probably have spent more of his career in Japan had his wife not developed "Yokahama asthma" — a recognised condition caused by the material in the local Tamati matting.

He was counsellor in Belgrade, then headed successively the permanent under-secretary's and the Far East departments at the FO before leaving for Manila in 1976. He had to move into temporary quarters while the FO was finding a new house for him in Manila, because the old residence had become engulfed by the city's red light district — full of topless bars and worse. Bentley complained that he had to advise visitors to ask taxis to take them to the Adam and Eve Club — a more easily identifiable landmark than the residence next door.

On leaving the Diplomatic Service in 1987, Bentley accepted the chairmanship of several companies involved in the offshore industry as well as that of the Society of Pension Consultants.

He was endowed with an enviable range of gifts, including a strong intellect, immense energy and an outgoing personality which enabled him to shoulder responsibility with apparent ease. A consummate sportsman, his recreations included tennis, skiing, shooting and scuba-diving. His great love, however, was fishing. An authority on salmon and sea trout, he wrote for specialist angling journals and even invented a fishing fly, "Bentley's Folly". In recent times he had involved himself in the movement to protect the depleted stock of salmon in Scottish rivers.

Sadly, however, his favourite pastime was to prove his undoing. Bentley drowned on a fishing holiday in Scotland, after being swept away in the River Esk which had been suddenly swollen by heavy rain.

He married his Danish-born wife Karen in 1950 while still at Oxford, after meeting her while picking potatoes in East Anglia. She had crossed to this country to say "thank you" following the liberation of Denmark in the war. Bill Bentley is survived by her and by two sons and three daughters.

EDWIN ASTLEY

Edwin Astley, composer, died in Moulsford, Oxfordshire, on May 19 aged 76. He was born in Warrington on April 12, 1922.

THE millions of viewers who tuned in weekly to watch such television adventure series as *The Saint*, *Randall and Hopkirk (deceased)* and *Danger Man* in their heyday can have had no idea that the subliminal dimension to their enjoyment was provided by the scores of Edwin Astley. Yet, as Simon Templar, the suave hero of *The Saint*, Roger Moore himself was scarcely more familiar to television spectators of his bizarre adventures than the signature tune which introduced them. And Astley gained considerable satisfaction towards the end of his life from the fact that his melody for *The Saint* made it to the top of the charts last year in a version by the rock band Orbital.

Adventure, swashbuckling heroes, cops and robbers seemed to bring out the best in Astley and provided the core of the music he did for television. But he was equally at home in a more thoughtful mode, and the music for Kenneth Clark's highly popular cultural series *Civilisation* came from him. By contrast, the films he scored were almost all comedies. In a completely different vein he liked to compose for *son et lumière* shows, and his music had been heard at performances at Hampton Court, at the Tower of London and among the pyramids of Egypt.

The son of a labourer, and intended for the building trade like his father and grandfather before him, Edwin Thomas Astley left school at 14 to take lowly clerical work. But though too impecunious to permit him to continue his formal education, his family background was a musical one. As a boy he played in the woodwind section of the band of the Royal Army Service Corps and hoped to progress to the Royal School of Military Music at Kneller Hall, Twickenham. But war broke out just as he came of an age to do so. The war years gave a fillip to his career with the band, and he developed his craft playing to the troops in Italy and Germany.

From playing clarinet and saxophone, he branched out into arranging — not just military but also danceband music. A prizewinning song he co-wrote at this period, *I Never Could Tell*, was recorded by Vera Lynn and Richard Tauber. After leaving the Army, Astley first joined the Percy Pease dance band, before leading his own band, the Ted Astley Orchestra, playing as the house band at the Lido at Sale, Cheshire. The band broadcast frequently from the BBC studios in Manchester and soon built up a strong reputation in the North of England. Astley soon found himself asked to write arrangements for Geraldo and his Orchestra.

But when Mecca bought the Sale Lido, Astley sold his saxophone and headed for London. His reputation soon secured him a job at the music publishers Francis, Day and Hunter on Charing Cross Road, where he joined a team of arrangers working on songs for some of the top names of the era, Vera Lynn and Anne Shelton among others.

His break into television came when he was asked to write the incidental music for the television series *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, an ITV money-spinner starring Richard Greene in the title role, which was launched in 1955. It was also highly lucrative for Astley, running for 143 episodes and doing well in America. From then on he was launched as a composer for television. *The Buccaneers*, starring Robert Shaw, was followed by *The Saint* — probably the most successful series of them all — starring Roger Moore; *Danger Man*, a secret service story featuring Patrick McGoohan as a free-lance spy; and the Sixties cult series *Randall & Hopkirk (deceased)*.

Astley composed for films, and among his credits were *The Mouse that Roared* (1959) a comedy starring Peter Sellers and Jean Seberg; a British remake of *Phantom of the Opera* (1962); and the sci-fi frolic *Digby the Biggest Dog in the World* (1973).

Astley was a phenomenally hard worker, often composing round the clock and, when driving, frequently pulling abruptly off the road in his car to jot down musical ideas in his notebook as they struck him. His orchestrations were widely performed, and in 1967 he was the highest earner in the Performing Rights Society.

In the last twenty years he had lived in retirement in Moulsford, Oxfordshire, where he enjoyed golf and vegetable gardening, travel and wine. One of the features of his Thames-side home was a summerhouse built to a design by his architect daughter, Alison.

But he continued his involvement with music, equipping a recording studio in his garage and building up a music library for which he had to master both the Sibelius and the Fairlight music computers. He also worked on a number of pieces for The Who's Pete Townshend, who is married to another of his daughters, Karen. Astley went on to orchestrate some of the first collections of "symphonic" pop music to be performed by large symphony orchestras. He also arranged for a third daughter, Virginia, on her albums *All Shall be Well* and *Hope in a Darkened Heart* and worked with one of his sons, Jon, a recording engineer, on orchestrations for large ensembles. He was always effortlessly at home with the younger and youngest generations, free with advice and encouragement to those who were determined to take the often precarious road of creativity.

In 1945 he married Hazel Balbirnie; he is survived by her and by two sons and three daughters.



Edwin Astley, right, with the actor Patrick McGoohan on the set of *Danger Man* at Elstree Studios, 1965

DONALD FRASER

Donald Fraser, gynaecologist, died in Queensland on June 2 aged 87. He was born in New Brunswick on June 9, 1910.

SIXTY years ago, Rhodes Scholars coming to Britain from the Dominions found it culturally different in a hundred small ways. Donald Fraser arrived at Southampton in 1930. Waiting for the Oxford train to start, he braced himself for the jolt that never came: close-coupling had not yet arrived on the Canadian railways. When he asked his Oxford tutor about the set book for each of the pre-medical sciences, he was delighted to discover the luxury of alternative — and sometimes even competing — texts.

Donald Blake Fraser's introduction to family medicine had been accompanying his father's horseback country rounds in New Brunswick, and in the different London climate of St Bartholomew's Hospital, where a career in general practice for graduates in those days tended to be regarded as a fate for failures, he chose to specialise in gynaecology and obstetrics.

The young Canadian, who never lost his accent or the manners of a colonial gentleman through 42 unbroken years at Bart's, left Oxford in 1933 with a half-Blue in athletics, and later represented the hospital. His first in physiology was followed by student prizes in surgery, putting him



on the ladder to successive appointments and full consultant status.

Four years of wartime casualty surgery in the City gave him a wealth of experience in traumatic surgery, forging the fine skills of the modern surgeon he would become.

Much of the obstetric practice of 50 years ago still entailed the application of manipulative arts to mechanical principles, and Donald Fraser's dexterity, combined with his deep insight into women's natures and needs, brought him a reputation as the most outstanding teacher of obstetrics among the consultants. His span of years in this demanding field extended long beyond the time when most of his peers had restricted themselves to gynaecology alone. During these years perinatal mortality — the loss of life around birth — fell by three-quarters, and Fraser influenced successive generations of students and juniors who made their own contributions to safer childbirth.

Fraser held successive posts in the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, being elected to its council in 1944 and rising to be senior vice-president. He also held visiting professorships abroad and represented his specialty on the General Medical Council. Yet perhaps his greater contribution to the Royal College, which was to last for a further 15 years, was in the financial advice he brought as chairman of its investment panel. He was instrumental in so increasing its funds that the college stands as a leader today in modern educational facilities for trainee doctors and specialists continuing their education.

Fraser was tempted to return to Canada by an offer from Lord Beaverbrook of the post of vice-chancellor at the University of London, Ontario, but it came at a time when he felt that his tasks at his teaching hospital and the college were unfinished. His contribution to Canadian postal history, however, in the form of a major philatelic collection of the earliest examples from the Provinces, before the creation of the Dominion, showed his abiding loyalty to his origins.

In 1939 he married Betsy Henderson, and together they lived in the City of London and at her father's villa, Le Fontane, beside Lake Como. In 1990 they left England to live near their son, a doctor in Queensland.

Donald Fraser is survived by his wife and by their son and daughter.

MICHAEL SELF

Michael Self, QC, barrister, died on May 28 aged 77. He was born on March 19, 1921.

THERE may have been Queen's Counsel practising at the Criminal Bar whose names were better known to the public, but few if any were held in such esteem and affection by their colleagues as Michael Self. And his clients, whether they left court through the dock or into the open air, were always convinced that they had been represented as well as possible.

Such was Self's patent integrity that juries were disposed to think that the accused must be guilty whenever he was prosecuting, and inclined to think them innocent when he was defending. This may go some way to explain his success as a defender in apparently impossible cases.

Michael Self was a man of intense loyalties. He was the great grandson of Nathaniel Woodard, the founder of Lancing College and the other Woodard schools. From Lancing, which he regarded as pre-eminent among public schools, he went on to Worcester College, which he likewise thought beyond question the finest of colleges at Oxford, which in turn was supreme among universities.

In 1941 he joined the Royal Navy, serving as an officer on destroyers in the Atlantic and, after the war, in India. The Navy was, for him, the only service that any sensible man would enter.

After demobilisation he joined Lincoln's Inn, of which in due course he became a Bencher, and some years later the Savile Club. The pre-eminence of each in its sphere was indisputable. His certainty on these matters, indeed all



matters, could be somewhat vexing to his friends, but such was his *bonhomie* that any threat to a friendship was of only a second's duration.

Self took silk in 1973 and became head of his chambers at 4 Brick Court in 1982, on the elevation of John Hazan, QC, to the Bench. Although he was a Recorder for many years, the Bench had no appeal for him.

He regarded headship of a thriving set of chambers — with the help and friendship of an outstanding senior clerk — as the sweetest reward of success in his profession. He and his wife held for his chambers an annual *fête champêtre* in the summer at their old world cottage, buried invisibly in the Sussex countryside.

Self was addicted to golf, the laws of which he followed most meticulously. A round of golf did not finish until the last putt or the last bye. In his early days he was a single handicap player. In 1950 he married Penny, daughter of the poet John Drinkwater, and his family was his cornerstone. He is survived by his wife and their two daughters.

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GARRICK THEATRE

With much that is superannuated and faded *La Dame aux Camélias* retains a certain youthful freshness, because it was written from a full heart and with entire sincerity. It is the "gay" environment, the vulgarity of Prudence and Olympe, the humour of Saint-Gaudens that have become old-fashioned. The wooden aristocrats, too, Giray and Varville, are obviously half a century old. But the scenes of passion and jealousy, pleading and pity, between Armand and Marguerite are still affecting, at any rate when Mme. Bernhardt is the Marguerite and when she is supported by so competent an Armand as M. Magnier. During the first two acts a certain lassitude in Mme. Bernhardt's playing seemed a little in excess of the languor which in those acts is appropriate to the part. Evidently she was reserving herself for the great scene of the third act with Old Duval, which she played last night with a force and sincerity that quite enthralled the house. There are moments — and this is one of them — when Mme. Bernhardt is incomparable, unapproachable. As Old Duval that useful veteran M. Piron was rather respectable than distinguished, but he sufficed "to give the reply" to the actress, and that (although M. Coquelin will not admit it) is all that is really required of Old Duval. *La Dame* is to be repeated on Saturday evening next.

ON THIS DAY

June 17, 1902

Sarah Bernhardt (1845-1923) made her first appearance in London in 1879 and thereafter played there many times.

The Edwardian concertgoer had a more catholic and extravagant taste than today's; he was quite at home with a few hours of popular ballads, lieder and humorous sketches.

CONCERTS

For many reasons it is to be regretted that other dates could not have been chosen for the concerts in the Queen's-hall arranged to take place this week under the direction of Herr Arthur Nikisch. In this week and next social engagements are probably more numerous for everybody than at any other time in the year. It was no doubt largely in consequence of this that the first concert, which took place yesterday, failed to attract the large audience which, from the interest of the occasion, should have been there. Those, however, who attended were amply rewarded, since they saw Herr Nikisch put to a tolerably thorough test and come through it with his colours flying high. Beethoven, Tschaikowsky, Wagner, and Berlioz were the composers represented — nothing new. Yet to many Londoners Herr Nikisch is himself still new; and if he had a hand in the arrangement of his programme one can hardly blame him for avoiding novelty, since obviously, after his great success in Tschaikowsky's fifth symphony at the London festival, he is desirous of showing his versatility ...

Two excellent vocal recitals took place at the Bechstein-hall yesterday ... The concert in the evening attracted such an enormous audience that even standing room was difficult to obtain. The programme was excellent without calling for any special mention. It is hardly necessary to say that Mme. Antoinette Sterling, who sang three of her old favourites, was most enthusiastically received. Sketches were contributed by Mr. George Grossmith with all his usual success.

NEWS

Woodward free to fly home

■ Louise Woodward was preparing to return home to Britain after the Massachusetts Supreme Court upheld her conviction and "time served" sentence for the manslaughter of an eight-month-old baby in her care.

In a 4-3 majority decision, the court rejected the prosecution's appeal for the jury's verdict of murder to be reinstated and for her to be sent to prison — but it also dashed the 19-year-old au pair's hopes of clearing her name..... **Pages 1, 3**

French throw out soccer hooligans

■ French police expelled five English soccer thugs from the country and detained more than 50 Scottish fans described as "known hooligan leaders" in Bordeaux in a crackdown after the riots by England supporters in Marseilles. The deportees were described as "particularly violent"..... **Pages 1, 4**

Summer at last

The summer is expected to begin in earnest this weekend after a hitherto soggy start, according to meteorologists. Soaring temperatures are forecast for the start of Wimbledon on Monday... **Page 1**

Parade curbed

The Orange Order raised hopes that the first contentious parade of Northern Ireland's marching season would pass off without violence when it accepted restrictions imposed by the Parades Commission..... **Page 2**

Doctor cleared

A doctor, who was beaten up by a gang of youths after he asked children to stop playing on trees near his surgery, has been cleared of assault..... **Page 5**

Royal racing

Senior members of the Royal Family turned out in force for the 178th procession at Royal Ascot..... **Page 5**

Top of the form

Up to 500 primary school pupils will be invited to attend "master-classes" in secondary schools this September, in the first step towards a national scheme for gifted children..... **Page 6**

Implant saves boy

A ten-year-old boy with a fatal heart infection has been saved by an artificial heart implant which kept him alive for six days while a donor was found..... **Page 7**

'Neglected' opera

The impresario Raymond Gubbay accused the Arts Council of elitism for its repeated refusal to support the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company..... **Page 10**

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European Union leaders demanded curbs on the generous perks and benefits enjoyed by the 626 members of the European Parliament..... **Page 11**

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A plan backed by the Prince of Wales to revamp part of a neglected Italian city is the first of a series of projects by his architectural team to revive urban centres around the world..... **Page 12**

Kosovo talks

President Milosevic of Yugoslavia said he would begin talks with ethnic Albanian leaders on granting autonomy to Kosovo **Page 13**

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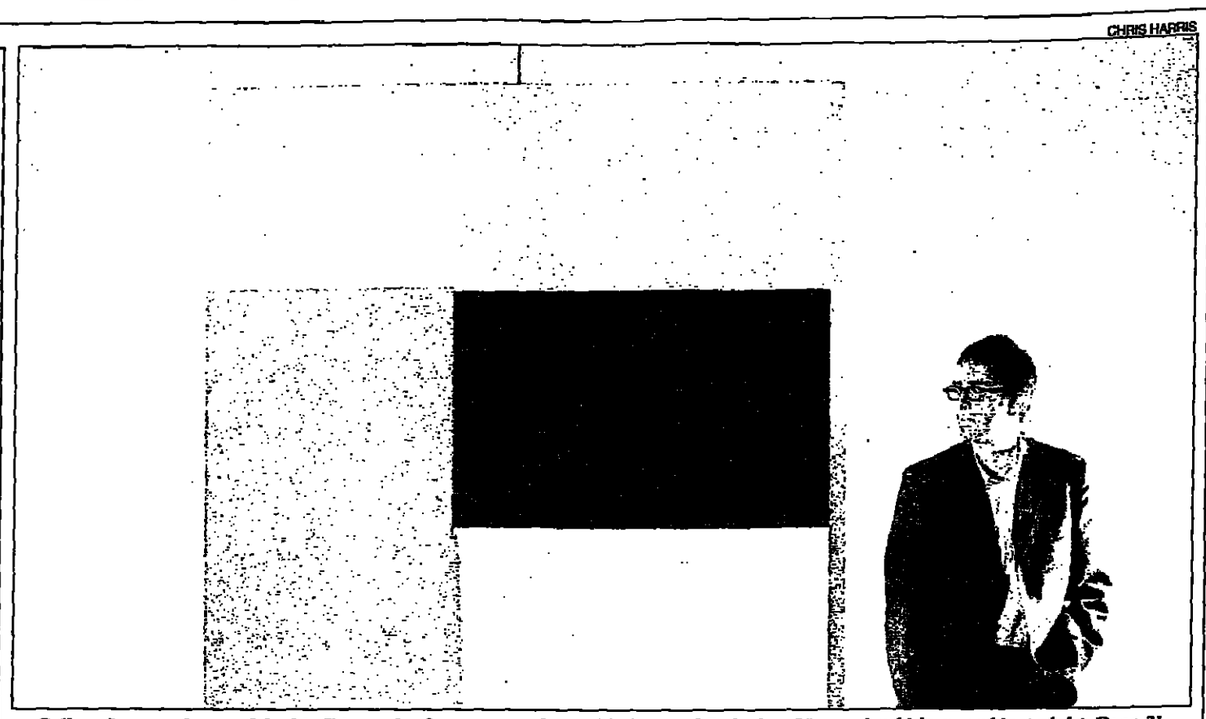
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France is eavesdropping on American and other allied countries' telephone and cable traffic via a network of listening stations and passing on commercial secrets to French companies, a magazine claims..... **Page 15**

The couple that cheated the Luftwaffe

■ Exactly 58 years ago Joyce and Ernest Taylor took shelter under their bed as they heard the drone of approaching German bombers. They heard the whine of a bomb heading towards their house. But nothing happened. It remained a mystery until last week when workmen replacing roof tiles discovered an unexploded incendiary bomb..... **Page 9**

CHRIS HARRIS



Callum Innes, winner of the NatWest prize for young artists, with *Exposed Painting*. He received his award last night. **Page 31**

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Unwise council: The Arts Council's former secretary-general Mary Allen says that "funding fewer better" is easier said than done, even by the new leaner council..... **Page 33**

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Geoff Brown sees Nicolas Cage in *City of Angels*, a heartwarmer from Hollywood

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Roger Scruton risks life and limb for philosophy

THE PAPERS

Bafana Bafana's defeat at the hands of France did not, as expected, plunge the entire country into a weekend of gloom. Instead, Nigeria's victory against Spain turned the Johannesburg flatlands of Hillbrow and Berea into scenes of celebration. Nigeria gave us a sound lesson in how African flair can take on and beat the clinical order of the European game.

The Star, Johannesburg

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Ministers may reject specialist schools for gifted children as unfair on pupils of lower ability. But by doing so they are penalising instead the brightest of Britain's youth..... **Page 19**

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COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Those who regard the World Cup as a farrago are supposed to lay quiet for the duration. We are supposed to leave the airwaves and public prints to a coalition of verbally-challenged pundits and intellectuals claiming a conduit to the proletarian mind by virtue of appreciating "the ballet of the working man"..... **Page 18**

ALAN COREN

Today's column is addressed to those thousands of my readers either in, or soon to be in, France, with nothing to read between soccer matches. Just for you, the best French reading..... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

The Blair Government is often accused of being both centralising and presidential. While there is something in these charges, they are gross oversimplifications. A fuller, more subtle picture emerged yesterday..... **Page 8**

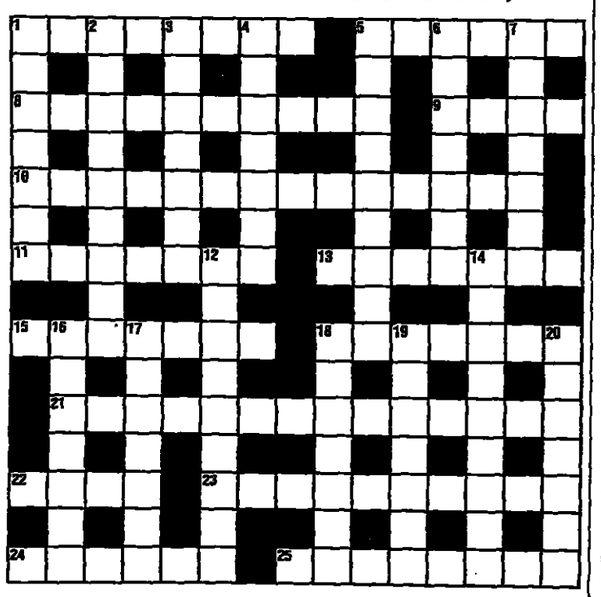
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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.43 am — Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon sets 12.59 pm — Moon rises 1.13 am

Last quarter today
London 9.20 pm to 4.43 am
Bristol 9.30 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 10.02 pm to 4.26 am
Manchester 9.41 pm to 4.39 am
Penzance 9.34 pm to 5.12 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** northern Scotland may have early showers but it will become dry and bright. The rest of Scotland will start dry and bright but will cloud over with a growing threat of showers. Northern Ireland will be dry at first but rain will spread from the southwest. England and Wales will be cloudy with some showers in the north and east, but the west will have heavier and more widespread rain in the afternoon.

☐ **London, SE & Cent S England, Channel Isles:** cloudy with a growing risk of showers, but also a good deal of dry weather and some sun. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, E, Cent N & NE England, Borders:** cloudy with occasional light rain. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **W Midlands, SW & NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** showers giving way to more prolonged rain from the southwest. Freshening S to SE wind. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands:** sunny at first, risk of showers later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE & NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** dry with sunny intervals; showers possible. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Northern Ireland:** early sunny spells but mainly cloudy with rain spreading from the southwest. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** cloudy with showers. Wind SE, moderate. Max (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled at first with rain in many places, but sunnier and much warmer weather during Friday

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low — Scotland, Northern Ireland, NW, NE, SW & Cent S England, N Wales, Midlands, London, moderate — S Wales, E Anglia, SE England

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; da=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

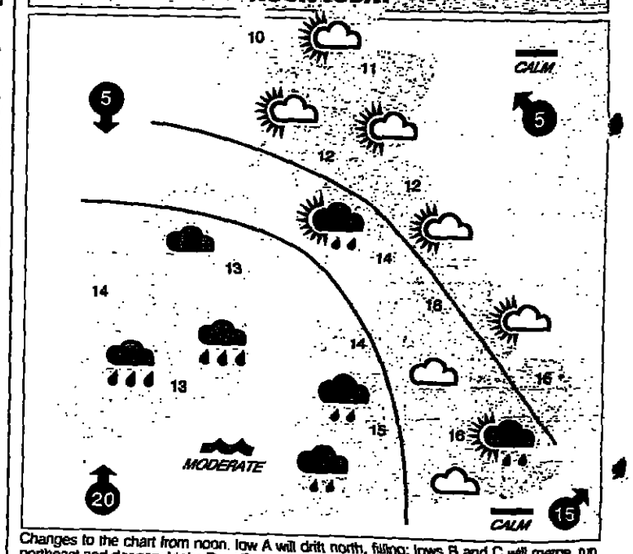
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.8	-	14	57	b
Anglesey	8.3	0.01	16	61	c
Aspatria	3.4	-	15	59	b
Aviemore	1.1	0.06	13	55	r
Belfast	14.0	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	3.7	0.05	17	63	c
Bognor R	3.2	0.01	18	64	b
Bournem'th	8.2	-	20	68	s
Bristol	5.6	0.01	18	64	s
Buxton	1.5	0.01	14	57	r
Cardiff	X	-	19	66	s
Clacton	X	0.13	15	59	c
Cleethorpes	-	0.14	13	55	sh
Colwyn Bay	5.1	0.14	15	59	s
Cromer	1.2	0.01	14	57	c
Dumbar	2.6	-	13	55	b
Eastbourne	2.5	-	17	63	c
Edinburgh	0.7	0.04	15	59	sh
Eskdalemuir	1.1	0.09	14	57	sh
Exmouth	15.5	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	14.6	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	8.1	0.05	18	64	f
Glasgow	2.3	0.40	17	63	sh
Guernsey	13.9	-	18	64	s
Hastings	3.4	0.17	18	64	sh
Hayling I.	2.3	0.01	18	64	sh
Hunstanton	0.4	0.21	13	55	c
Isle of Man	6.2	0.02	16	61	s
Isle of Wight	4.8	0.03	17	63	sh
Jersey	14.7	-	17	63	s
Kinloss	2.0	0.04	15	59	r
Leeds	2.8	-	14	57	c
Lerwick	17.2	-	13	55	s
Leuchars	3.0	0.04	14	57	sh
Llandrindod	1.9	-	19	66	c
London	3.0	0.15	18	64	b
Manchester	3.5	0.35	15	59	sh
Margate	X	-	18	64	s
Morecambe	2.0	-	15	59	b
Newcastle	0.6	0.03	14	57	b
Norwich	-	0.13	14	57	s
Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Poole	8.8	-	21	70	s
Prestatyn	X	0.13	15	59	s
Ross on Wye	3.9	0.01	19	66	b
Salcombe	14.7	-	20	68	s
Saunton Snd	14.3	-	16	61	s
Scarboro'	-	0.16	12	54	sh
Shrewsbury	4.8	0.02	17	63	sh
Skegness	0.3	0.07	13	55	d
Southend	9.3	0.02	18	64	s
Southport	X	0.02	17	63	r
Southsea	2.0	0.01	20	68	s
Stornoway	14.0	-	13	55	s
Swanage	8.3	-	19	66	s
Teignmouth	15.4	0.01	20	68	s
Tenby	15.5	-	18	64	s
Tiree	14.7	-	14	57	s
Torquay	14.2	-	21	70	s
Weston s Mare	7.3	-	17	63	s

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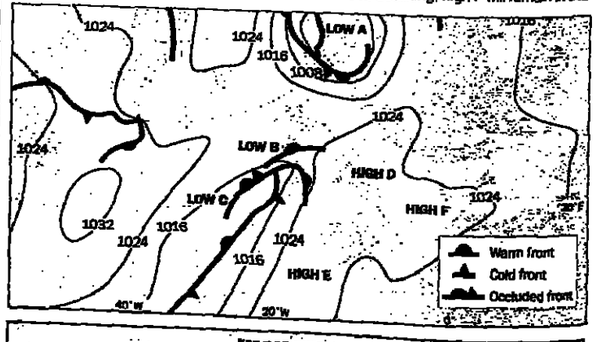
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Alex'dria	26	79	c	Dublin	15	59	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Algiers	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Mexico C	27	81	s
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Faro	28	82	s	Miami	33	91	s
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	21	70	c	Milan	17	63	r
B Aires	14	57	sh	Frankfurt	15	59	f	Montreal	25	77	s
Bahrain	42	108	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Moscow	30	86	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	17	63	f	Munich	15	59	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	26	79	s	N Delhi	36	97	s
Barcelona	18	64	f	Helsinki	23	73	c	N York	X	-	-
Beijing	34	93	s	Hong K	31	88	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Beirut	26	79	f	Innsbruck	19	66	f	Naples	22	72	c
Belgrade	23	73	f	Istanbul	24	75	s	Nice	21	70	s
Berlin	21	70	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Oslo	19	66	f
Bermuda	26	79	f	Jo'burg	20	68	c	Paris	16	61	f
Biarritz	16	61	c	L Angels	X	-	-	Perth	18	64	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	L Palmas	23	73	c	Prague	18	64	f
Brussels	17	63	f	La Tquet	16	61	f	Reykjavik	13	55	c
Budapst	22	72	f	Lisbon	21	70	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	16	61	c	Rio de J	24	75	f
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Luxembg	13	55	c	Riyadh	42	108	s
Ch'church	10	50	-	Luxor	40	104	s	Rome	20	68	f
Chicago	X	-	-	Madrid	24	75	f	S Fr'sco	X	-	-
Cologne	18	64	f	Majorca	25	77	f	S Paulo	X	-	-
Salzburg	19	66	s
Santiago	9	48	r
Seoul	26	79	s
Sing'por	35	77	f
St'kholm	16	50	r
Strasb'rg	19	66	f
Sydney	17	63	s
Tangier	22	72	c
Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Tenerife	23	73	c
Tokyo	28	82	s
Toronto	24	75	f
Tunis	30	86	f
Valencia	23	73	f
Vanc'ver	15	59	f
Venice	21	70	f
Vienna	22	72	s
Warsaw	16	50	r
Wash'ton	X	-	-
Wel'ngton	10	50	s
Zurich	13	55	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart from noon. low A will drift north, filling; lows B and C will merge, run northeast and deepen; highs D ad E will move northeast, declining; high F will remain in situ



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	6:11	3.8	19.08	3.6
Avonmouth		-	12:06	11.2
Belfast	3.44	9.3	16:32	3.0
Cardiff	11:52	10.5	-	-
Devonport	10:29	4.7	22:47	4.9
Dover	3:59	5.9	16:20	6.0
Dublin	4:28	3.8	17:23	3.5
Falmouth	9:54	4.5	22:18	4.7
Greenock	5:09	3.2	17:32	3.1
Harwich	4:34	3.6	16:48	3.6
Holyhead	3:07	5.1	15:49	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	11.06	7.8	23:55	7.6
Ilfracombe	10:58	7.8	23:33	7.9
King's Lynn	11:13	5.8	-	-
Leith	7:31	4.9	20:15	4.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	3:57	8.5	16:32	8.1
London Bridge	6:37	6.5	18:48	6.4
Lowestoft	2:33	2.1	14:18	2.3
Margate	4:48	4.4	17:02	4.4
Milford Haven	11:15	5.8	23:48	6.0
Newquay	10:14	5.9	22:48	6.0
Oban	10:36	3.0	23:39	3.0
Penzance	9:42	4.6	22:14	4.9
Portland	11:56	1.5	-	-
Portsmouth	4:03	4.2	16:07	4.3
Shoreham	3:53	5.5	16:36	5.8
Southampton	3:27	4.1	16:07	4.2
Swansea	11.23	8.0	23:54	8.2
Tees	8.44	5.0	21:36	4.9
Walton-On-Naze	4:31	3.9	16:45	3.8

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Glasgow Airport, 0.40in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 17.2hr

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft — WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 1998

Inflation leap prompts fresh rate rise fear

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

FEARS that interest rates may rise again grew dramatically yesterday after an unexpectedly large jump in headline inflation and a wave of hawkish remarks by members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

Added to their well-known concerns about wage inflation was the revelation during confirmation hearings of MPC members, held by the Treasury Select Committee yesterday, that they had not been privy to the Chancellor's new public spending plans when they decided to raise base rates earlier this month.

The City now fears that the MPC will incorporate looser fiscal policy into their calculations, making a further rate rise even more likely.

Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, has written to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, complaining that the Treasury did not tell the MPC of its spending plans before it met to make its decision on rates.

He said: "How were the Monetary Policy Committee expected to make an informed decision on interest rates when they were not told that you would dramatically shift fiscal policy just a week later?" Mr Maude said that he had assumed that the June rate rise had taken increased public spending into account but, knowing now that it hadn't, predicted another rise in rates.

The retail prices index rose to 4.2 per cent in May from 4 per cent in April, taking headline inflation to its highest level since May 1992. Underlying inflation, which the Government targets at 2.5 per cent or less, rose to 3.2 per cent in May from 3 per cent, its highest since November 1996.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, who was in Birmingham for the annual conference of the British Chambers of Commerce, said that, although the retail prices figures were exaggerated by higher excise duties set out in the Budget, they still left him uncomfortable about meeting the inflation target. He said: "We are in fact in a situation which is closer to overheating than it's been in a long time." He said recent growth in private sector earnings was a "clear warning".

These remarks were taken particularly seriously in the City because Mr George has, for most of this spring, stood against the hawks on the MPC and had blocked a rise in rates until this month's meeting when base rates went up from 7.25 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

Interest rate futures markets moved sharply from betting against another rate rise to pricing one in. The pound jumped to six-week highs against the mark on speculation of higher rates, closing at 106.1 against a basket of currencies from 105.7 on Monday.

At the Treasury Committee confirmation hearings, MPC members confirmed that they had asked for a Treasury briefing on its public spending plans before they meet in July to discuss interest rates again.

Although MPC members said they had not done enough detailed work on the Chancellor's plans to tell whether they would affect the outlook for monetary policy, the message appeared to be that increased spending could push rates higher or at least prevent them coming down for longer.

Charles Goodhart said: "It is not easy to assess how it will affect the overall economy but I assume that anything described as greater expenditure will, unless there are strong reasons, lead to higher output and a tendency for inflationary pressure would be that much greater."

David Clementi, Deputy Governor of the Bank and another MPC member, said that British demand was stronger than desirable. Willem Buiter, one of the academic members of the MPC and a consistent hawk on rates, said that, until more slack appeared in the labour market, unit labour cost inflation was likely to remain high.

Separate figures yesterday showed more good news on public finances with spending yet again undershooting targets. The renamed public sector net cash requirement — effectively the public sector borrowing requirement without privatisation proceeds — was £2.5 billion in May compared with the equivalent figure last year of £3.9 billion.

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Unison attacks minimum wage

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest union will today hear calls for industrial action over the minimum wage as it condemns the level proposed by the Low Pay Commission.

Unison, which represents 1.3 million public-sector workers, will show the biggest union opposition yet to the £3.60 minimum wage expected to be endorsed by the Government. As Ian McCartney, Industry Minister, addresses the Unison annual conference in Bournemouth, the union will demand that the wage be set at £4.61. It also wants that rate to be increased gradually to £6.06 — two-thirds of average earnings.

Unison is also expected to hear an attack on its member on the Low Pay Commission, Rita Donaghy is likely to be condemned in a motion that says union members on the commission should not be allowed to vote against Unison policy. The commission's findings, which have not yet been officially published, were said to be unanimous.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, will lead calls that young people should not be excluded from the minimum wage. The Government is to announce its decision on the wage shortly and is expected to say that the £3.60 level will exclude them.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is thought to want the rate for younger workers cut to £3 because of fears that it could hit the Government's New Deal jobs programme.

John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, told the British Chambers of Commerce annual conference in Birmingham that moves to cut the minimum wage could undermine the Commission and damage the social partnership between unions and employers.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

Charles Brims announced further retailing expansion backed by a £40 million bank facility

Optimism at P&S after shake-up boosts shares

BY CHRIS AYRES

SHARES in Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, the publishing and convenience store group, were marked 162½p higher to £11.25 yesterday as the company announced the retirement of Sir Richard Storey, chairman for the past 25 years.

The company is to close its London office after Sir Richard's retirement and pay him the remainder of his contract, at a total cost of up to £500,000. P&SN will move its headquarters to Portsmouth. Sir Richard will continue as a non-executive director. Annual cost-savings from the shake-up will be £350,000 a year.

The retirement of Sir Richard was announced yesterday as P&SN reported a 47 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the year to March 28 from £7.5 million to £11 million. Sir Richard will be replaced by Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen, 51, a former *Daily Mail* business reporter and a co-founder of Euromoney, the financial publishing and conference group. Sir Stephen has been a non-executive director of P&SN since 1994. Sales rose by 17 per cent from £151 million to £176.5 million, while earnings per share rose 34 per cent from 51.9p to 69.6p. A final dividend of 13.32p will be paid on August 6, making the total dividend 18.1p, up from 14.48p.



Storey: 25 years at helm

Charles Brims, chief executive, said the company planned to open 40 new One Stop convenience stores a year — usually tranformed from old newsagents shops. He added that P&SN had a banking facility of £40 million to expand the retailing side of the business, which accounts for about a third of all profits.

The company publishes 20 newspapers and recently won contracts to print *The Sun* and the *News of the World* in Sunderland.

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Warning sees 14% wiped off Premier Farnell shares

BY ADAM JONES

SHARES in Premier Farnell fell 14 per cent yesterday after the troubled distributor of electronic components delivered yet another warning on profits at its annual meeting.

The warning, the third since the company was formed through the merger of British and American businesses in January 1996, saw the shares fall 51½p to 313½p.

The company's shares peaked at 751p in 1997, before the first of a succession of disastrous trading statements.

Yesterday the company finally announced the appointment of a new chief executive to succeed Howard Poulson, who masterminded the merger of Britain's Farnell with America's Premier Industries but quit as chief executive in January after losing the support of his board.

The new chief executive is John Hirst, who joins from ICI where he has occupied several senior roles including group treasurer.

Mr Hirst has headed two of ICI's international businesses and been group treasurer.

Despite yesterday's share price fall, Premier Farnell denied that what it had said at the annual meeting amounted to a profits warning.

Sir Malcolm Bates, chairman, who was knighted in last weekend's honours list, said: "There has been a marked softening in the past two months in both the North American and UK markets served by our catalogue distribution division, which represents some two thirds of our operations."

The group said the problem could be related to anxiety among its customers over the effect of the Asian financial crisis.

Sir Malcolm said Mr Hirst was his first choice as chief executive for the group: "We conducted a global search and John Hirst came out on top of the pile. He has had extensive international exposure and strong customer service credentials."

Mr Hirst, 45, will take up his duties on July 1. His current position at ICI is officer to the executive and he has been chief executive at ICI Autocolor and ICI Performance Chemicals.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5729.7	(+14.0)
Yield	2.88%	
FTSE All share	2730.19	(-0.39)
Nikkei	14720.38	(-104.79)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8573.37	(-54.56)*
S&P Composite	1074.68	(-2.33)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	107⅛*	(107⅝)
Yield	5.64%*	(5.59%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7⅛%	(7⅛%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	109.53	(110.57)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6525*	(1.6360)
London:		
$	1.6532	(1.6361)
DM	2.9724	(2.9650)
FFr	9.9668	(9.9402)
SFr	2.4752	(2.4692)
Yen	238.40	(239.28)
£ Index	106.1	(105.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7973*	(1.8085)
FFr	6.0285*	(6.0635)
SFr	1.4973*	(1.5057)
Yen	143.95*	(146.13)
$ Index	113.6	(114.6)

Tokyo close Yen 145.13

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$13.40	(n/a)

GOLD

London close	$287.65	($285.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Levicky concedes defeat at Victoire

BY DOMINIC WALSH

PIERRE VICTOIRE, the cheap-and-cheerful French bistro chain, has collapsed into receivership after being brought to its knees by over-ambitious expansion plans.

The appointment yesterday of receivers from Grant Thornton puts an end to the dream of Pierre Levicky, the French chef who over ten years turned a concept developed in an Edinburgh back street into a national chain with more than 100 outlets.

A spokesman for Grant Thorton said the restaurants would continue to trade normally while a buyer was sought and job losses were unlikely. Of its 108 outlets, 25 are wholly owned with the rest franchised.

Its collapse with debts of less than £10 million comes after the failure of attempts by M Levicky and his backers to find a buyer for about £15 million. This came after an abortive attempt to float the business on the AIM.

M Levicky fell victim to a rapid opening programme, which resulted in poor standards and disgruntled franchisees, many of whom threatened legal action. The final nail in the coffin, according to Grant Thornton, was the opening last year of a 400-seat restaurant in Brussels.

M Levicky admitted that it had grown "pretty fast", adding the appointment of receivers "should enable the Pierre Victoire name to go forward with a new start".

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Hong Kong traders saw shares rise and fall with the yen

Global warning puts heat on Japan

BY JANET BUSH

THE World Bank yesterday gave warning that Asia is on the brink of a deep recession and that a global economic slump could be just months away if Japan does not take action to restore its economy to health.

At the same time, China issued its strongest plea yet to the authorities in Tokyo to stop the slide in the yen which is putting pressure on the Chinese yuan.

These comments were just the latest step in an international effort to talk Japan into taking more substantial action to stimulate its economy and stabilise the yen.

Speaking at a major trade and investment conference in Melbourne, Jean-Michel Severino, the World Bank's vice-president for East Asia and the Pacific, said: "We are probably at the end of the first cycle of the crisis and we are entering into a deep recession, or you could even use the term depression. This depression could be very long-lasting if is not handled very, very carefully."

He highlighted the yen's weakness against the dollar and urged Japan to play traditional role as Asia's economic locomotive. "One has to have a dynamic Japanese economy," he said.

Zhu Bangzao, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said: "We are deeply concerned with the continued slide of the Japanese yen. We hope that Japan and relevant countries can strengthen co-operation and muster the courage and wisdom to face reality and take effective measures to stop the yen's slide."

Asian share prices rose and fell with the yen yesterday as the Japanese currency staged a temporary recovery but then slipped again. By the opening of European trading, the yen was back below Y145 against the dollar and the Nikkei 225 index closed 104.79 points lower at 14,720.38.

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LAW

Call for annual statement on state pensions

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

WORKERS would be stirred into making better pension provision if they were given a yearly statement showing how much or how little they could expect to receive from the state pension, an independent working group set up by Harriet Harman has claimed.

The group, which included pensions experts and trade unionists, recommends that anyone who has paid National Insurance contributions should be sent regular statements automatically.

Under the current system, anyone who wants to find out how much basic state pension they have built up has to make a special request for information.

The report of the Pensions Education Working Group also called for a long-term education programme explaining the importance of pensions and directed both at workers and those who are seeking work.

The findings of the report were unveiled by John Denham, the Pensions Minister, in a speech to the TUC pensions conference yesterday.

Mr Denham paid tribute to the way that trade unionists were involved in "protecting, defending and extending pensions rights in many different ways".

He said: "I want to examine what new partnerships might be forged with employers, unions, pensions providers to help to ensure where possible that state and private pension forecasts are provided together."

Rhoslyn Roberts, director of benefits at the National Association of Pension Funds and a member of the working group, called for a pensions helpline to be established to assist people with pensions queries.

She said: "Legislation and regulation needs to be simplified. We found that the complexity of choosing a pension puts people off."

MPs criticise Glaxo and SB chiefs for failure of merger

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE judgment of the senior management of Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham was yesterday criticised by a select committee of MPs that has been looking into the failure of the £100 billion merger between the two pharmaceutical groups.

The Select Committee on Science and Technology report said the merger would have created "a [research and development] powerhouse, able to compete across the world, and conducting the bulk of its research in the UK". This opportunity was lost for reasons that remained unclear to the MPs even after interviewing Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo Wellcome, and Jan Leschly, SB's chief executive.

The MPs concluded that either the companies' initial assessment of the potential advantages and feasibility of the merger was inadequate, or the deal was abandoned because of the incompatibility of the managements. The report says: "Either way the judgment of the senior executives must be called into question. They readily embarked on an adventure with major national assets and then equally readily abandoned the enterprise less than a month later without a clear cause.

"It must be a cause for public concern as well as concern to shareholders that neither of the chief executives nor the boards of the two companies have been held publicly accountable for this course of events, nor have adequate explanations been forthcoming."

Glaxo Wellcome said this aspect of the committee's report was "disappointing", and pointed out that its chairman had thanked Sir Richard for explaining the situation as far as possible in difficult circumstances. Small shareholders also questioned both boards at their annual meetings.

Sir Richard blamed the collapse of the deal on irreconcilable differences in culture and management styles, while Mr Leschly said Glaxo lost the trust of SB's board after trying to change the agreed terms of the merger. The MPs observed since the companies and their chief executives had been on such good terms, it was not clear "what incompatibility could have been revealed in the subsequent 23 days (after the announcement of the deal) that was not apparent at the beginning".

Some industry experts believe it is only a matter of time before the merger is revived — even if this requires the departures of Mr Leschly and Sir Richard.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Jardine Fleming loses HK pension business

JARDINE FLEMING's investment management arm was dealt a blow yesterday when it was dropped as one of the three managers of the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway (MTRC) pension fund after 17 years. Schroder Investment Management (Asia) was also ditched by MTRC as a manager of the HK$3 billion (£234 million) fund, one of the colony's biggest schemes. However, Invesco Asset Management's Asian team were retained.

A spokesman for Jardine Fleming, half-owned by Robert Fleming, one of the UK's few remaining independent merchant banks, said MTRC's decision was hardly surprising, given that clients regularly review their investment criteria. "Our losses have been more than offset by wins elsewhere, particularly in Japan and Taiwan," he said.

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Charman sold for £350m

ACE, the Bermuda-based insurer, is buying the business of John Charman, the leading Lloyd's underwriter, for $575 million (£350 million) in shares and cash. The deal lifts ACE's share of underwriting capacity at Lloyd's from £700 million to £950 million — about 9.3 per cent of the total. Mr Charman becomes chief executive officer of ACE UK, which is the largest managing agency group at Lloyd's in terms of capacity under a single management.

RAC in gadget give-away

THE RAC yesterday began giving away tens of thousands of in-car gadgets that warn motorists of traffic jams. The motoring organisation, in partnership with Trafficmaster, the motoring information company, and Cellnet, the mobile telephone network operator, is to issue 250,000 satellite "gridlock detectors" in the next year, many free of charge or at half price to members, following the launch of the cheapest traffic information device yet produced.

CL opts for Schroders

CREDIT LYONNAIS, the French bank, has snubbed its continental peers and chosen Schroders as the lead adviser for its privatisation. Schroders, one of the few remaining independent merchant banks in the UK, will not only arrange the share placement for Crédit Lyonnais, but also help to devise a legal and financial structure for the newly privatised bank. Seven banks are believed to have competed for the business, including SBC Warburg and five US banks.

Enterprise close to deal

ENTERPRISE OIL, the UK exploration and production company, and ENI, Italy's state-owned energy group, are close to a deal with authorities in southern Italy to develop an oil field expected to yield up to 622 million barrels of crude oil in the next 24 years. The region of Basilicata wants ENI to invest £1 billion in non-oil projects in exchange for the right to expand drilling and development operations in the area. ENI has offered to pay only a small fraction of the sum.

Blue Circle acquisition

BLUE CIRCLE INDUSTRIES, the building materials and heating group, has agreed to buy Canada's Needler Group for approximately £17 million. Needler's principal interests are aggregates and blocks businesses serving the Ontario market, operating as TCG Materials and TCG/Permacon. Together with Blue Circle's existing aggregates operations, the acquisition gives Blue Circle an annual production capacity of about 11 million tonnes in the Province of Ontario.

Ryanair share offering

RYANAIR, the discount airline based in the Republic of Ireland, said it plans to raise Ir£50 million (£42.4 million) via an offering of new shares, as it outlined plans for a listing on the London Stock Exchange. Some investors have also confirmed they will sell about Ir£50 million of shares in the company, representing about 6 per cent of the share capital. Proceeds of the offering will help to fund the purchase of 25 Boeing 737s. Pricing details are expected by mid-July.

Easing of rules expected by GWR

BY CHRIS AYRES

THE Government is close to reducing its strict regulation of the commercial radio industry, allowing companies to buy much larger chunks of local and national media, according to GWR, the owner of Classic FM.

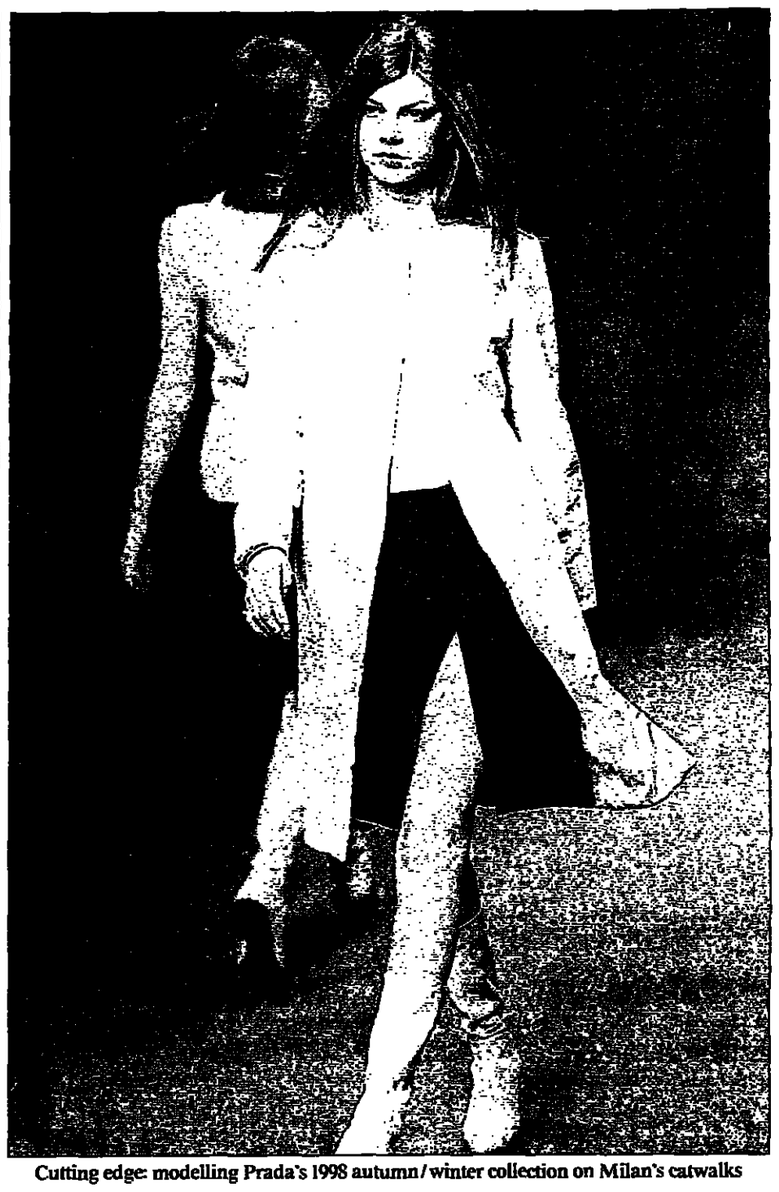
GWR, which yesterday reported an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits last year, from £8.3 million to £14.1 million, said the industry had a "general understanding" with the Government that a new Broadcasting and Communications Bill would be introduced by the year 2000.

Henry Meakin, chairman, said: "Ownership rules restrict a company's share of population coverage to some 7.5 per cent of adults in the UK; the regulation of programme content is unduly retrictive compared to the BBC." In the meantime, he said that GWR could "re-jig its portfolio", perhaps by selling a small station and buying a larger one, giving it the biggest possible market share allowed by the regulators.

Next week GWR will submit its bid for the UK's first commercial digital radio licence as part of Digital One, the consortium which is also expected to include Chris Evans's Ginger Group and Talk Radio.

GWR, which owns 30 local radio stations, saw earnings per share rise from 8.6p to 8.8p. A final dividend of 2.1p(1.25p) will be paid on August 7.

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Cutting edge: modelling Prada's 1998 autumn/winter collection on Milan's catwalks

Prada lifts its stake in rival Gucci

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN MILAN

PRADA, the Italian luxury goods and fashion house, has raised its stake in rival designer Gucci to 9.5 per cent. Prada is now the biggest shareholder.

The move sparked speculation that Prada may be gunning for an eventual bid for Gucci, whose sexy style contrasts starkly with Prada's minimalism.

Earlier this month Prada surprised analysts when it announced it had built up a 5 per cent stake in Gucci as a long-term financial investment. Privately owned Prada is believed to have paid about £73.6 million for the initial stake and a similar amount to bring the stake up to 9.5 per cent.

Prada emphasised that it views Gucci as a good investment for its portfolio. "Our main motivation for this is strategic, taking into account the financial opportunity and the potential growth in the sector and for Gucci."

Gucci declined to comment but is understood to be set against a takeover.

Gucci has been viewed as a potential takeover target since its shares and profits tumbled after the Asian crisis bit into its sales. Gucci shares slumped to a low of about 60 guilders (£18) on the Amsterdam bourse towards the end of last year and first quarter net profit fell 10 per cent. On Tuesday, Gucci shares, which are also listed in New York, were trading at about 107.5 guilders.

Halifax follows suit with increase to mortgage rate

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

HALIFAX, the UK's biggest lender, is to increase its mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent in response to the latest base rate rise.

The rise, which brings the Halifax's variable rate to 8.95 per cent, adds nearly £10 a month to the cost of a £50,000 interest-only mortgage. The bank has some 2.5 million borrowers, about half of whom will be immediately affected by the rate rise. Many of Halifax's borrowers have loans on annual review, while others will have fixed or capped-rate mortgages. The Northern Rock is also to increase its loan rate to 8.95 per cent, from 8.5 per cent.

The move by the Halifax and Northern Rock follows increases introduced by other high street names such as C&G, which sells its loans through Lloyds TSB, and Abbey National. The annual cost of a £50,000 interest-only mortgage has now increased by nearly £700 since the election just over a year ago.

Meanwhile, Nationwide Building Society, a mutual, has promised to keep its mortgage rate at 8.1 per cent until August 1. Bradford & Bingley, another mutual, has also promised not to increase its loan rates until August 1.

Union enrolment rates 'waning under Labour'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNION membership has fallen, thwarting hopes of renewed interest in trade unions after the election of a Labour Government, according to a TUC survey.

Doctors, teachers and lawyers are the most active members but poor interest from sales staff and service sector workers has pulled back membership.

Analysis of figures ending last autumn show membership of unions falling from 6.9 million to 6.8 million and from 31 per cent of the workforce to 30 per cent. Union leaders had believed that a Labour Government and the restoration of some union rights would boost membership.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said: "This report highlights the value professional employees place on trade union membership but also serves as a stark reminder of the recruitment challenge unions are facing."

Unionisation remains low in the South of England compared with the North.

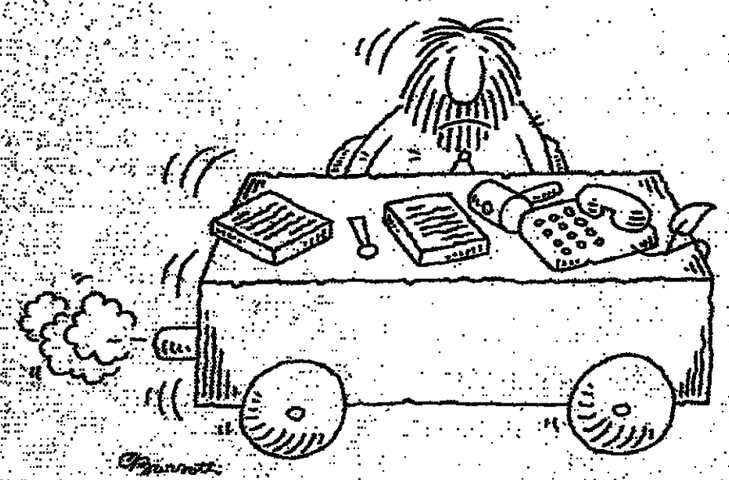
☐ More workers are being disciplined and dismissed for taking sick leave, according to Unison. The union will today set out guidelines for employees who feel victimised about sickness.

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Canada $	2.552	2.364	New Zealand $	3.48	3.22
Cyprus Cyp£	0.914	0.843	Norway Kr	13.33	12.29
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.01	Portugal Esc	316.18	294.15
Egypt Pound	5.83	5.22	S Africa Rd	9.55	8.59
Finland Mkk	9.57	8.82	Spain Pta	263.45	244.66
France Fr	10.42	9.64	Sweden Kr	14.10	13.00
Germany Dm	3.13	2.89	Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.41
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Hong Kong $	13.63	12.43	USA $	1.760	1.617
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Ireland Pt	1.23	1.14			
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Wellcome change in SB formula

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Jan Leschly and Sir Richard Sykes must be wishing they had never heard of the Select Committee on Science and Technology. Called before the MPs, ostensibly to talk about pharmaceutical research, SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome (both the creation of rather painful mergers, it has to be remembered) found themselves having to justify why their engagement did not turn into a £100 billion marriage.

Sir Richard's floundering came up with the classic comment that he did not want to harm the "fragile flowers" among his senior management by imposing a deal with SB upon them. Though Leschly — a former tennis champion — did not smash his return of the MPs questions so strongly into the net, he did not manage to assuage their worries sufficiently to avoid criticism in yesterday's scathing report from the committee. "An opportunity to create a national champion with research and development at its heart has been lost," the MPs said, adding: "The judgement of the senior executives must be called into question."

The MPs note that — had it not been for their wise decision to move the goalposts between issuing the invitation to Sykes and Leschly and actually questioning them — there would have been no public or shareholder scrutiny of the failure of SB and Glaxo to hatch a deal despite 23 days of talks. Certainly neither company gave a fulsome explanation of the problems that thwarted a deal, either in their reports to shareholders or at their annual meetings. What has been left is a patchwork picture emerging from a mixture of occasional pronouncements, briefings to analysts and investors and the interesting intervention of Sean Lance, the former chief executive of Glaxo, through a letter to Sir Richard Sykes, which was leaked in the press.

What is clear is that Sir Richard did not think he was able to work in an effective fashion with Mr Leschly. This has been interpreted as a clash of egos and if the oversized hats fit, then the senior executives should wear them. But it is not as simple as that. It seems that Sir Richard was quite happy to accept Jean-Pierre Garnier (JP to his friends) as chief executive. In fact he was quite happy to sacrifice Bob Ingram, Mr Lance's replacement as Glaxo chief executive, to strike a deal. Mr Ingram would have been given the choice of reporting to JP, or picking up his P45. Dr Garnier would have been chief executive of the largest pharmaceutical company in the world with the prospect of Sir Richard taking a back seat three or four years down the line.

Meanwhile, at SB, Dr Garnier has just ousted Ignace Goethals, president of the worldwide supply business and one of Mr Leschly's favourites, after a deal with Andersen Consulting went sour. With Dr Garnier's star on the rise, perhaps eclipsing Mr Leschly, then the prospect of a merger with Glaxo could be back on the agenda.

Time for ostriches to make some noise

In the wake the SmithKline Unwellcome débâcle, there were mutterings about shareholders pressurising the boards to put their differences behind them and agree a deal. It came to nowt. Shareholders, perhaps distracted by a row about Jan Leschly's salary, preferred to make their feelings felt behind closed doors. And so an opportunity for shareholder activism passed, leaving fund managers muttering into their claret.

If that incident was not enough to spur the City's legion of overpaid fund managers into action, then what about Premier Farnell? When Wetherby's greatest ever company (not much competition there) said it was going to break the bank to buy the US parts distributor, Premier, some of the shareholders questioned whether this might be a deal too far. One investor, the estimable Standard Life, went as far as publicly questioning the strategy, saying it would vote against the deal and sell its shares if it went through. Other institutions admitted they were worried about the acquisition but balked at supporting Standard Life. Their reason? Apparently Farnell's chief executive, Howard Poulson, threatened to resign if his shareholders would not support the deal.

So the institutions fell into line, the acquisition went through and it was a disaster. After one profits warning, Mr Poulson was warned that his job was on the line. After another he resigned. And after yesterday's third profits warning (or a bearish trading update, in the company's parlance), a new chief executive has been drafted in. Meanwhile Premier Farnell shares have more than halved in value and the whole group is worth less than Farnell paid for Premier.

It would have been all so different if the deal had been Premier buying Farnell. US investors are not afraid of activism. CalPERS, the giant Californian state fund, targets companies that do not comply with its idea of how businesses should be run. It is not afraid to rabble-rouse publicly for the ousting of senior executives or — as it has shown with Cendant, the suitor of RAC Motoring Services — sue board members for wasting shareholders' money. Shareholder activism has kept companies on their toes and CalPERS' investment returns have shown that it makes the companies perform better than the market. Perhaps the dismal story of Premier Farnell might make some institutions rethink their ostrich-like attitude to shareholder activism.

Victoire from the jaws of defeat

You have to hand it to Pierre Levicky. If there were prizes for optimism, the Gallic restaurateur would be businessman of the year. He launched his Pierre Victoire chain — having decided that he knew more about running restaurants than anyone he worked for — in an Edinburgh shop with a postage stamp kitchen, a leaking roof and just £70 of capital. Having narrowly avoided receivership once, he embarked on a rapid expansion programme, which promised to create a chain of more than 100 outlets, including some in Belgium, which promised to sell English food to the continentals. He failed to float on the AIM not once but twice, failed to find a buyer and finally called in the receivers yesterday, after amassing debts of up to £10 million. And what was his first act after the collapse? To hatch plans to buy back the chain from the receivers.

Although one might criticise M Levicky's business acumen, there is a logic to his optimism. The country might be slipping toward recession, but Pierre Victoire's strategy of offering cheap French food might be in tune with the more frugal era we are facing. As the Monetary Policy Committee turns the screw and mortgage payments go up, who will want to pay £60 a head for a Marco Pierre White production, involving pigs trotters and white truffle soufflé? How better to celebrate the new millennium than with a £5.90 set three-course meal and some own-brand champagne?

Goodhart's lure

HOLD economic policy. When quizzed by the Treasury Committee, Charles Goodhart, the esteemed professor from the London School of Economics and member of the Monetary Policy Committee, said he was busy marking exam papers and that it was "difficult to find time to delve into fiscal intricacies". He will not be free to examine the Chancellor's new spending plans until June 29. Thank goodness there is no MPC meeting before then.

FKI profits rise 24% despite cost of redundancies

By Adam Jones

PROFITS at FKI rose 24 per cent last year as the engineering group pushed through a large redundancy programme at Bridon, the steel rope business it bought last August.

Bob Beeston, the chief executive, also said FKI's furniture and retail hardware division, which makes and distributes kitchen fittings and security chains and had sales of £63.5 million, may be sold.

FKI reported pre-exceptional profits of £139.5 million for the year to March 31, on sales of £1.29 billion (£1 billion). Bridon contributed £13.1 million to operating profits after it was bought for £137.5 million after the start of FKI's financial year.

However, FKI made about 350 people redundant from the workforce of 3,250, giving rise to a £6.7 million exceptional charge. The head count is likely to fall by a further 200 as more unwanted parts of Bridon are sold. FKI has also reduced Bridon's product range, pulling it out of steel wire, which was loss-making.

Mr Beeston said adverse exchange rates had hit profits before tax by £4.7 million. Despite the strength of sterling, he said orders in the electrical engineering division, which manufactures mainly in the UK, were up 4 per cent in April and May.

He said there was no consensus on how the UK and US would be affected by the Asian financial problems but he said FKI is spreading its activities, which are still dominated by the US, a little more evenly now, with further expansion planned in South and Central America and Eastern Europe.

Mr Beeston said the furniture and retail hardware division is just being operated for its strong cash generation: "It's not likely to be in our portfolio long-term."

However, he was much more bullish about FKI's ergonomics arm, whose products include specialised mouse pads and parts to make sure that computer screens are at the right height.

In its transformer division, FKI is poised to complete a new manufacturing facility in South Wales in September.

Mr Beeston said the Bridon supply network it has gained will be a big advantage for FKI's handling operations, with "made-to-measure" orders yielding higher margins than basic distribution.

Earnings per share after exceptionals rose from 9.22p to 15.98p. A final dividend of 4.3p (3.5p) has been declared, payable on October 5, making a total of 7.5p for the year (6.6p).

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BARRY GREENWOOD



Hat-trick: John Simons, chief executive, oversees production at its Wrexham factory

Acquisitions aid Hazlewood

By Matthew Barbour

HAZLEWOOD FOODS said a string of acquisitions strengthening its position in the prepared foods and sandwich markets had been reflected in full-year pre-tax profits up 13.5 per cent on last year.

The group earned profits from continuing operations of £45.7 million, up from £38.7 million in the 12 months to March 31.

Hazlewood said it was benefiting from increased focus on higher margin convenience foods and improved consumer confidence after the end of the BSE scare. Fears over mad cow disease cost Hazlewood £6 million.

John Simons, chief executive, said that since the group disposed of Fri D'Or, its potato products business, last June it has moved its focus away from snacks, shellfish and salads.

Mr Simons said there was an opportunity to offer more imaginative frozen meals in supermarket freezer cabinets. This year the company recruited Gary Rhodes to boost its frozen meals business.

Mr Simons added that the group, which makes two million sandwiches a week, could see no sign of the £2 billion sandwich market slowing down.

Hazlewood's top five customers are Asda, Tesco, Safeway, Somerfield and Sainsbury, which together account for 70 per cent of total sales from continuing operations of £744.4 million, up from £765.6 million while operating margins improved 0.5 points to 5.5 per cent.

Normalised earnings were 13.49p a share, up from 11.86p, and the total dividend rises to 7.3p a share from 6.9p with a final 4.7p.

Dull trading and Cellnet figures weaken Securicor

By Dominic Walsh

SECURICOR, the business services group, suffered a 20 per cent decline in first-half profits due to dull trading and a reduced contribution from Cellnet, the mobile phone company it part owns.

Excluding exceptional items and discontinued operations, pre-tax profits in the six months to March 31 dipped from £53.4 million to £43.1 million. Turnover was almost £100 million lower at £581 million.

However, the absence of one-off costs, which undermined overall figures last year, meant profits this year including exceptionals more than doubled to £43.6 million (£19.1 million). Earnings per share reached 5.4p (1.6p). The interim dividend is raised by 10 per cent to 0.43p.

Profits from Securicor's distribution side dropped from £13.9 million to £12.5 million, while losses from communications almost doubled to £10.3 million.

The contribution from its 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone group controlled by BT, fell from £50.9 million to £44.9 million despite a rise in subscribers. Marketing plans and a new tariff structure are expected to hit results in the short term.

The future ownership of Securicor's Cellnet stake has been the subject of speculation in the City for some time. Christopher Shirtcliffe, finance director, said: "We're not currently in discussions with either BT or the DTI. But we've always said that provided the price is right we would seriously consider any approaches."

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Brierley ready for sale after 222 years

By Jon Ashworth

ROYAL Brierley Crystal, one of the UK's last independent lead crystal glassmakers, is set to change hands after 222 years as a family-owned company.

Advisers have been appointed to seek a buyer for the company, established in 1776, which has lost ground in the face of stiff competition from foreign companies. Its products are mouth-blown and hand-made, making it one of the few genuinely English glassmakers. The company has annual sales of £5 million. Its net worth as at last April was £1.8 million.

Ownership rests with David Williams-Thomas, 59, a Deputy Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester, who, with his brother, Simon, 51, speaks for 90 per cent of the shares. Chesham Amalgamations, a London-based intermediary, has been appointed to lead the sale negotiations.

Potential buyers include Dartington Crystal, based in Devon — the UK's only other independent glassmaker — and Stuart Crystal, owned by Waterford Wedgwood.

Graham Webster-Gardiner, Royal Brierley's managing director, said: "None of the children wants to come in to the business, which needs further significant investment if it is going to compete."

Based near Stourbridge in the Midlands, Royal Brierley has 231 employees. Japan accounts for 20 per cent of sales.

Regal Hotel takes £1m stake in TRP

REGAL HOTEL GROUP has moved to boost its bar and restaurant business by taking a £1 million equity stake in The Restaurant Partnership (TRP), whose brands include Simply Nico and the Cigar Club (Dominic Walsh writes).

The agreement, thought to give Regal a majority stake in TRP, is expected to see Regal convert some of its dining rooms to the Simply Nico and Nico Central brands.

However, Charles Vere Nicoll, chief executive, said the real benefit of the deal was the expertise TRP would bring to Regal's food and beverage operations which account for 53 per cent of total revenue.

Roy Ackerman, chairman of TRP, is a well-known author and restaurateur and his group's London restaurants include Elena's L'Etoile in Soho and Thierrys on the King's Road.



Roy Ackerman: chairman

Hogshead uncorks wine scheme

By Dominic Walsh

WHITBREAD'S fast-growing Hogshead pub chain, which specialises in serving real ales in a traditional environment, is tackling the industry's poor reputation for wine by encouraging drinkers to taste its wines before they buy.

Hand in hand with the introduction of a range of 20 new wines, the company has launched a "try before you buy" scheme in the hope that customers, particularly women, will be encouraged to broaden their horizons. The new wines — ten whites and ten reds — range in price from £7 a bottle to £14, sourced from a mixture of new and old-world vinyards. Additionally, for the duration of the World Cup customers who buy a bottle of the wine they have tasted will get £1 off.

Simon Elliott, marketing manager for the 120-strong Hogshead Pub Company, said the idea had been taken from the Thresher off-licence chain, also part of Whitbread, which found success with a similar scheme. The new Hogshead range has been selected by Thresher's wine buyers.

"It is about putting out the message that we have got a good wine range in an industry that has traditionally had a poor image for wine," Mr Elliott said.

Meanwhile, Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Whitbread, told shareholders at the group's annual meeting that current trading was in line with expectations. The shares gained 15p to £10.15.

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STOCK MARKET | MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

Smiths' tour of brokers begins to pay dividends

SMITHS INDUSTRIES was one of the best performing stocks among the top 100 companies as the benefits of a recent tour of City brokers began to percolate through.

Shares in the mining and aerospace equipment group raced up 28p, or 3.45 per cent to 840p, but like other engineers, Smiths has been out of favour because of the effects of strong sterling on profits and remains well below its peak of 997p reached earlier this year.

Only yesterday, the company was talking to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, and clearly made a favourable impression. Meanwhile, BT Alex Brown, another broker, has been urging clients to "buy" the stock.



Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, who saw shares in the telecommunications company climb 18½p to 672p

Buyers were doing rounds elsewhere in the engineering sector yesterday taking advantage of weak share prices that have been hit by the latest revival in sterling. **Lucas-Varity** rose 8p to 255p with ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, recommending them as a "long-term" buy. There were also gains for **Tomkins** 9½p to 344p, **Rolls-Royce** 3p to 258p with **FKI** adding 6p to 193p after better than expected results.

Attempts at a sustained rally in London soon ran out of steam after early trading on Wall Street failed to live up to expectations. The S&P future had been trading at the equivalent of a 60-point premium overnight in the Far East. This indicated that investors were looking for a rally in the Dow Jones industrial average after a week of heavy losses.

In the event, it opened mixed and sent investors scurrying for cover after they had shrugged off a sharp jump in the inflation rate. The FTSE 100 index moved into positive territory after clawing back an opening 28-point fall. But it was unable to hold on to its best levels closing 14.0 up at 5,729.7, after touching 5,754.0. Total turnover reached 931 million shares.

Among the leaders BT continued to make headway climbing 18½p to 672p with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson joing the group's fan club. Earlier this week it benefited from positive comments from Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, while BT Alex Brown set a target of 800p.

The latest profits warning from **Premier Farnell** left the shares nursing a loss of 51½p, or 14 per cent, at 313½p making it the worst performer among the FTSE 250. The group says its catalogue distribution business had found the going increasingly difficult in both the US and Britain. This accounts for about two thirds of profits.

Next appears to have lost its appeal since dropping out of both the FTSE 100 and the list of top 300 European companies. The shares finished 21p cheaper at 523½p. But Storehouse firmed 1½p to 271p with Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, reiterating its "buy" recommendation.

A calmer night for investors in Hong Kong gave **HSBC**, 36p dearer at £14.36, and **Standard Chartered**, 9½p better at 654p the opportunity to claw back some losses. But worries about the extent of the Asian economic downturn have taken a heavy toll of **London Forfaiting**, down 27½p to 317½p.

Minorco was unchanged at 797p in a weak sector. The international resources group has sold its 73 per cent stake in Copebras, the Brazilian carbon black business, to Phelps Dodge for $220 million.

Eurotunnel shareholders must learn to exercise patience. That the was the message from Patrick Ponsolle, chairman, at the annual meeting. The group will not start paying dividends until 2004/-05. Passenger traffic on the shuttle grew by 90 per cent during the first five months of 1998. But a stock overhang in London limited the rise in the price to ½p at 74½p.

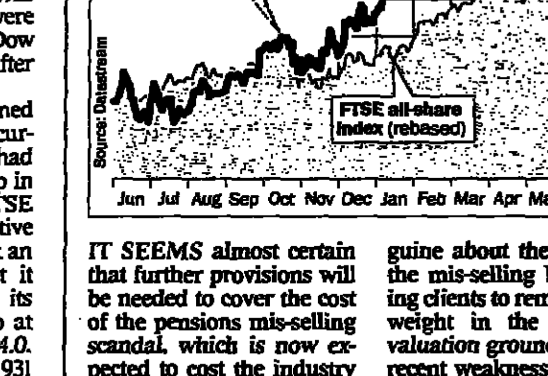
Guardian Royal Exchange stood out with a jump of 10½p to 362½p after being named the cheapest company among the composite insurers by ABN Amro Hoare Govett. Rival broker James Capel has also been urging clients to add to their holdings.

Newcomer **City Gourmets** failed to make an impression on the first day of dealings on AIM with the shares opening at a discount after a placing at 100p. Sentiment was not helped by a 24-hour delay to the start of trading in the coffee house chain after its reverse takeover of Lanica Trust. At one stage, the price touched 66½p before rallying to close 21½p down at 78½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices fell more than £1 as the fear of rising inflation came back to haunt investors. The biggest single rise in the inflation rate since 1992 was matched by some cautious comments from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt fell £0.94 to £109.63 as the total number of contracts completed reached 111,000. The short gilt future also shed £0.92 to £103.31 on turnover of 278 contracts. Among conventional issues, shorter-dated stocks were worst hit with Treasury 7 per cent 2002 losing £13/16 at £102⅛, while at the longer end Treasury 8 per cent 2021 fell £1 5/32 to £132 5/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street staged a partial recovery in morning trading but soon started shedding early gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 54.56 at 8,573.37.



IT SEEMS almost certain that further provisions will be needed to cover the cost of the pensions mis-selling scandal, which is now expected to cost the industry in the region of £12 billion.

Crédit Lyonnais, the broker, says that unless the allocation between shareholders and the policyholders is changed, it will not impose a damaging financial burden.

The companies most at risk remain London & Manchester, down 6p at 517½p, and United Assurance, 5p cheaper at 598½p.

The broker remains sanguine about the impact of the mis-selling but is urging clients to remain underweight in the sector on valuation grounds. Despite recent weakness, these valuations are still unattractive and at levels where bid prospects seem remote.

Those companies regarded as having the best growth prospects by Laing are Legal & General, 22p better at 659p, and St James Place, 2½p easier at 359p. But their ratings are already too demanding. The broker says it would not deter clients from taking profits.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	8573.37 (-54.56)
S&P Composite	1074.68 (-2.33)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	14720.38 (-104.79)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7526.45 (+63.95)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	1162.21 (+7.54)
Sydney:	
AO	2524.9 (-42.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	5591.57 (+64.25)
Singapore:	
Straits	1048.96 (-3.88)
Brussels:	
General	20012.16 (+276.82)
Paris:	
CAC-40	4013.20 (+7.87)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1573.50 (+17.40)
London:	
FT 30	3782.6 (+6.9)
FTSE 100	5729.7 (+14.0)
FTSE 250	5703.5 (-46.5)
FTSE 350	2790.4 (+1.1)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2766.12 (+7.60)
FTSE All-Share	2730.19 (-0.39)
FTSE Non Financials	2790.15 (-2.49)
FTSE Fixed Interest	146.11 (-0.65)
FTSE Govt Secs	105.95 (-0.82)
Bargains	61273
SEAQ Volume	931.4m
US$	1.6528 (+0.0177)
German Mark	2.9719 (+0.0071)
Exchange Index	106.1 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5013
£:SDR	1.2390
RPI	163.5 May (4.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.3 May (3.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

ATA Group	146	- 1½
BTR Red Prf B	36½	...
Captain OM Watts (4)	6	...
City Gourmets	78½	...
Computacenter	742½	- 1½
Do Warrants	1½	...
Dresdner RCM End	99½	- 1
Elderstreet Dwng VCT	95	...
GRE Red Prf B	18	- 2
Game	219	...
Goldshield	220	+ 5½
Hamleys B	22	...
INVESCO Cntl Sml Cs	97¼	- ¼
ITNET (350)	417½	+ 8½
JSB Software Techs	226½	- 8½
JWE Telecom	140	- ½
James R Knowles	96½	...
Multi Equip Rental	12½	...
Pennine Dwng VCT	100	...
Quantica	151½	- 4
Taiwan IT GDR	130	- 1
Taylor & Francis	233½	- 1½
Thomson Travel	175	+ 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hrdy Oil Gs n/p (225)	11½	- ½
Old Eng Pbs n/p (330)	15	+ 8½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Reed Executive	170p (+10p)
Hutch Whamp	248p (+13p)
Abacus Recruit	290p (+15p)
BG	323p (+11p)
Legal & Gen	659p (+22p)
Smiths Inds	840p (+28p)
Cable&Wire Coms	488p (+16p)
Sun Life & P	556p (+18p)
BPB	413p (+11p)
Provident	955p (+23p)
Scot & New	850p (+14p)
Br Land	647p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Next	523½p (-21p)
Br Airways	662p (-14p)
Alliance & Leic	774p (-10p)
Securicor	441½p (-30p)
Mitel	772p (-49¾p)
Sappi	253½p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

Out of Cellnet's shadow

THE transformation at Securicor over the past couple of years has been overshadowed by the long-running fuss over whether the Department of Trade and Industry is going to allow BT to buy out Cellnet. A hotchpotch of businesses ranging from logistics to hotels has gradually been whittled down, and the focus is now on three core areas: distribution, communications and security.

On the evidence of yesterday's half-year figures, only Securicor's best-known business in security is moving forward. But that masks what is happening elsewhere. It appears to have resolved teething problems with its new distribution super-terminal at Hatfield, while the losses from Intek, a US business that provides radio networks for taxis and emergency services, are quite normal at this stage of its development.

And while the contribution from Cellnet has declined, ABN Amro reckons that, based on the value of rivals Orange and Vodafone, the business is conservatively worth £8 billion. That values Securicor's 40 per cent stake at £3.2 billion — substantially more than the group's entire market capitalisation of £2.6 billion.

Mounting speculation of an imminent change of heart at the DTI has seen the shares almost double over the past year, so the profit-taking behind yesterday's 30p drop to 441½p was understandable.

Trading on 40 times this year's forecast earnings, the shares still look very expensive. But the Cellnet factor suggests that investors are buying into the businesses Securicor actually manages for free. That should ensure the shares continue to make progress.

FKI

GOOD at firing people and wringing efficiencies out of acquisitions. Not so good at organic growth. This is the image that FKI and its blunt chief executive, Bob Beeston, are still trying to shed.

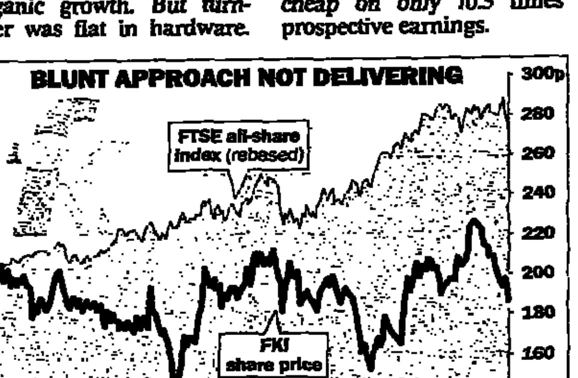
FKI certainly cuts jobs — there have been about 350 redundancies at Bridon, the steel rope firm that it bought last year. It has also reduced numbers in its electrical engineering division after adding Hawker Siddeley Electric Power Group.

It is skilled at paring ailing businesses. "Who but Bob Beeston could get a 20 per cent margin out of knobs and knockers?" said one admirer of the hardware division.

Yesterday's better than expected results continued a long run of big earnings increases, and led analysts to upgrade their profits forecasts — despite some disappointment about the increased provisions related to the Bridon purchase.

Mr Beeston reckons the improved sales from the US window and door fittings business in a difficult market shows that FKI can produce organic growth. But turnover was flat in hardware, and in material handling once Bridon is stripped out.

Mr Beeston honestly admits that FKI could come under pressure from cheap imports from Asia, although it has little direct exposure to the region. That makes the shares difficult to recommend, even if they look cheap on only 10.5 times prospective earnings.



GWR Group

GWR has suffered poor reception over the past two years. Since its enormously expensive acquisition of Classic FM, the commercial radio company's shares have performed disappointingly, and have still to get back to their high of 250½p.

Unnecessary problems at Classic FM have not helped, including a bizarre recent profits warning blamed on a "hiccup" at its sales department. But GWR still has an exciting future, with rising margins and a shamelessly mass market approach to running radio stations.

Most interesting is the prospect of Government deregulation of the commercial radio industry, which GWR regards as pretty likely. All the big players in radio are up to their limits, and a change in the law would provoke a takeover frenzy, and therefore enormous rises in the share prices of companies such as GWR. This in itself is a good argument for buying GWR shares which still look cheap at 239½p.

One problem area is Digital Audio Broadcasting (known as Dead and Buried to sceptics). GWR and other radio groups will have to make large investments in digital radio, which will not produce a return for years. GWR's prediction that digital receivers will cost less than £100 each within two years look ill-advisedly optimistic.

Even if new legislation is slow in coming and digital radio fails to take off until 2005, GWR still offers a growing portfolio overseas and sound management.

Portsmouth & Sunderland

THE thinly traded shares in Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers jumped 16 per cent to 1117½p yesterday — seemingly on the hope that Sir Richard Storey's retirement after 25 years as chairman could herald a takeover or the sale of its growing chain of One Stop convenience stores.

Neither prospect looks imminent. The directors and their families continue to speak for an estimated 35-40 per cent of the shares, while the company yesterday went to some pains to stress the symbiotic relationship between local newspapers publishing and retailing.

Some observers believe that this is just so much balderdash, and that One Stop will be sold or demerged at the appropriate moment. That is not now because the maturing portfolio of almost 200 shops is still producing good profits growth — 32 per cent to £3.6 million last year.

With advertising revenue still buoyant, Panmure Gordon believes P&S is set to make underlying profits of £13.5 million this year, or 77.2p of earnings. Trading on a multiple of 14.5, the shares look fully valued.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1067-1065	Sep	1177-1174
Sep	1094-1093	Dec	1194-1190
Dec	1117-1115	Mar	1215-1210
Mar	1136-1135	unq	
May	1148-1144		
Jul	1162-1158		Volume: 5845

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1658-1656	Mar	1625-1605
Sep	1656-1654	May	unq
Nov	1645 SLR	Jul	
Jan	1635-1630		Volume: 8455

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	244.0-43.5
Spot: unq		May	247.5-45.5
Aug	253.9-53.0	Aug	249.7-46.8
Oct	243.4-42.5	Oct	250.4-47.4
Dec	240.0-39.1		Volume: 3744

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	65.93	117.22	89.84
(+/-)	-0.29	-15.70	+2.03
Eng/Wales:	65.67	112.47	95.84
(+/-)	-0.37	-15.56	+1.97
(%)	n/c	+15.0	-7.0
Scotland:	72.92	112.47	95.84
(+/-)	+2.67	-17.77	+2.95
(%)	-20.0	+15.0	-7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	11.05	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	12.85	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	13.40	n/a
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	13.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	14.15	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	150 (-1)	154 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	112 (-2)	114 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	62 (+1)	64 (+1)
Naphtha	121 (n/c)	123 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Jul	117.00-17.25	Oct	128.00-28.25
Aug	120.50 BID	Nov	312.00-32.25
Sep	124.00 BID		Vol: 21225

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	12.85-12.88	Nov	14.35 SLR
Sep	13.43-13.48	Dec	14.64 SLR
Oct	13.93-13.97		Vol: 45143

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	74.75	Sep	71.75
Sep	73.75	Nov	73.75
Nov	75.75	Jan	75.75
Jan	77.75	Mar	77.75
Mar	79.75	May	79.25
Volume: 326		Volume: 11	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	81.0
Mar		120.0
Apr	162.0	158.1
		Volume: 50

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jul 45.75-46.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 98	927	900	900
Jul 98	890	850	852
Oct 98	960	960	950
Jan 99	995	995	980
Vol: 52 lots		Open interest: 1157	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1630.0-1631.0	1644.0-1645.0	2464575
Lead ($/tonne)	515.50-516.00	531.00-532.00	258175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	994.50-995.00	1020.0-1021.0	745500
Tin ($/tonne)	6160.0-6165.0	6050.0-6060.0	32810
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1285.0-1285.5	1317.0-1317.5	4192075
Nickel ($/tonne)	4380.0-4385.0	4430.0-4435.0	12692

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
ASDA	180	18½	27½	33½	2½	8½	12½
(*194½)	200	8	17½	23½	10	17½	22½
Abbey Nat	950	69½	110½	143½	14	49½	67
(*998)	1000	39½	85½	118½	34	74	91
AllLeic	750	46	84	105½	18½	49	59
(*774)	800	21	58½	80½	44	72½	84
Alld Dom	550	41	67½	78	5	20	29½
(*584)	600	13½	40	49½	24½	42	53
BAA	650	32½	59	76	14	29½	41
(*668½)	700	10	35	51½	41½	55½	68
BAT Ind	550	28½	48	68	18½	39	50
(*567)	600	8	30	47	48	70	79
Barclays	1600	105½	174	225½	21	75	101
(*1675½)	1700	47	123	175	63	123	149
Bass	1050	52½	94½	—	30½	53½	—
(*1085)	1100	37	78½	99½	45½	68½	87½
Boots	1000	48	94	115	25½	51½	63
(*1019)	1050	27	71½	89	50½	74	87
Br Airways	650	34	65½	87	18½	37½	50½
(*665)	700	12½	43	64½	47	66	76
BP	850	41½	78½	104	20½	49½	62
(*865)	900	19½	54½	79½	47½	75½	86
Br Steel	130	10½	15½	19½	4½	8½	11½
(*139½)	140	4½	10½	14½	10	13½	17
C&W	650	35	68	85	25	46	57
(*658½)	700	15	45	63	54½	74	84½
CU	1100	53	107½	130	45	92	97
(*1102½)	1150	31½	84½	105½	74	119½	123
GlaxoW	1700	74	151½	208½	61	126½	152½
(*1701½)	1800	35	108½	160½	121½	183½	207
HSBC	1400	86	160	211	45½	113	145½
(*1432)	1450	61½	136	187½	68½	138½	171
Halifax	800	33	62	93	27½	58	65
(*803)	850	14	40	70	57½	75½	92
ICI	1000	53½	97½	122½	22	67	68½
(*1027½)	1050	28	72½	97	44½	78½	93½
Land Sec	900	51	91½	109½	8½	31½	43½
(*936½)	950	22½	65	82½	30	54	65½
M&S	500	38	59	73	6	17½	23½
(*533)	550	11½	32½	50	27	38	46½
Nat Pwr	550	31½	62	78	18½	37½	41½
(*564½)	600	10½	39	53	42½	56½	68
Nat West	1050	50	98½	132½	27½	71	89½
(*1067½)	1100	27	74	108	54½	98½	114½
Reed Intl	500	[illegible]	71	83½	6	22	25½
(*542)	550	18	43½	56	24½	44	47
Reuters	645	58	85½	—	10½	32	—
(*689)	703	24	55½	—	34	51	—
RylSun	600	42½	71	88	13½	38½	50
(*622)	650	18½	48	63½	39½	65	79½
Safeway	360	17½	37	46	12	24½	30½
(*365)	390	6½	24½	32½	30	39	46½
Sainsbury	460	38½	57	69	6	22	25½
(*489)	500	16	34½	48	21	38½	44
Shell	390	32½	42	58	4	13	19
(*418)	420	13½	28½	39½	14	28	31
SmKl Bch	700	48½	85½	111	25	48	82
(*725½)	750	23½	61½	87	51½	72	87½
Std Chtr	650	39½	78	102	35½	64	78
(*651½)	700	20	57	80	85	82½	106
Thames W	1000	57½	87	111½	23	44	55
(*1042)	1050	30	62	85½	50½	68½	79
Vodafone	650	61½	96½	114	14	34	46½
(*697)	700	32½	71	89	33	57	71
Woolwich	294	33½	48½	—	3½	13	—
(*323)	324	14½	30	—	13½	28	—
Zeneca	2500	101½	214	288½	79½	158½	200½
(*2511)	2600	57½	165	237½	136	209½	250½
(*680)	700	34	55½	73½	40	61	69
Redland	330	19½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*345)	360	½	—	—	15½	—	—
R-Royce	240	29½	37	43	7½	13	16½
(*259)	260	18½	26½	33	15	21½	25
Tesco	550	39½	52	68	26½	38	45½
(*552)	600	16	33	46½	57	67	74
Utd Bisc	240	21½	27½	33	5	11	14
(*252½)	260	11	17½	22½	13½	20½	24

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	152	29½	34	—	2½	7	—
(*175)	177	14	20	—	11½	17	—
Brit Aero	360	31½	44½	51	18½	27	30½
(*372)	390	17	30½	36½	32	42½	46
Br Aero	450	40	60½	—	18½	30	—
(*467)	475	27	48	—	30½	42	—
Br Telcm	650	47½	68½	80½	25	38½	47
(*674)	700	24	43	57	51½	63½	73
Cadbury	850	74	99½	124	24½	38	47
(*890)	900	47	73½	98½	44½	61½	71½
Carlton Cms	550	32	55	69½	28½	41½	47
(*550)	600	14½	35½	48½	61½	71½	78½
Diageo	671	54½	—	—	28	—	—
(*687)	728	28½	—	—	60½	—	—
Energy Gp	800	40	41½	—	—	—	—
(*840)	850	½	2½	—	15	15	—
Gallaher	300	31½	38	46½	8½	13½	22½
(*322)	330	14½	22	31½	19½	28	32½
GEC	480	50	63½	78	15	25½	33
(*494½)	500	38	43	53½	32½	44½	52½
Hanson	360	25	35½	45½	13	21	24½
(*389)	390	8½	19½	30	28	35	36
Imp Tob	420	35½	46	55	9	16	25
(*441)	460	15½	27½	34½	27½	35	45½
Kingfshr	1000	68	103½	133	36½	60	70
(*1020½)	1050	44	78	108	61½	84½	94½
Lasmo	240	17½	27	35½	10	15	17½
(*245½)	260	8½	16	25½	20	25	27½
Ladbroke	330	34	44½	53	12½	22½	37
(*346½)	360	19	30	38½	28½	37½	42½
LucasVar	240	24	33½	38	6½	13	16½
(*254)	280	23	23	29	15	21½	25½
P&O	800	87½	85½	105½	14½	31	40
(*843½)	850	37½	58	80½	33½	54	63
Prudntl	750	58½	81	104	41	59	72
(*795)	800	33	59	80½	69½	85	96
Rio Tinto	850	60½	80½	98	19	35	44½

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
BG	306	16	—	—	—	—	—
(*322)	330	1	18½	28½	9	21½	28
BSkyB	420	16½	37	50½	1½	24	33½
(*431½)	460	½	20	33½	29½	48	54½
Br Bio	35	5	11	13½	—	4	6
(*39½)	40	2	9	11½	1½	7	9
Chemica	90	9½	14	16	—	3	3½
(*98½)	100	2	8½	12½	2	6½	7½
Dixons	500	39	58½	70½	—	17½	25
(*539)	550	1	29½	43½	13	40½	47
EMI	500	29	57½	74	½	27½	37½
(*522½)	550	1	33½	50½	25	53	63½
Granada	1100	21	76	110	2½	46	63½
(*1118½)	1150	1	51	83½	32	71	88
GUS	850	24	70½	90½	1	33½	51½
(*873)	900	½	45½	65	28	58	76½
Lloyds TSB	800	49½	95	120½	—	36½	50½
(*849½)	850	7½	69	95½	8	59½	74½
Lonrho	288	12½	28	—	½	16	—
(*300)	321	—	14	—	21	35½	—
Norwich	420	14½	41½	56	1	21	29½
(*434)	460	—	23½	37½	26½	42½	50½
Orange	460	25½	59½	73½	½	23½	35
(*485½)	500	1	36	54	16½	43	55
Railtrk	1250	38½	110½	157	6	75	109½
(*1282)	1300	8½	86	130	37	99½	134½
Scot Pwr	500	33½	62½	78½	—	20	28
(*533½)	550	1	38½	53½	17½	43	52
Tarmac	110	9	13½	15½	—	3	6
(*119)	120	1	7½	9½	1½	7½	10½
Tomkins	330	18	27½	35½	½	12½	17½
(*348)	360	½	12½	21	13½	28½	33½
Unilever	650	31	68	83	½	25	34½
(*680½)	700	1	40	57½	21	48½	58

June 15 Total: 42073 Calls: 18814 Puts: 23259

FTSE INDEX (*5730½)

Strike	Calls Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec
5550	196½	310	381	444	—	7	90	152½	194½	—
5600	151½	272½	345½	412½	584½	12½	102½	165½	213½	278½
5650	110	238½	316	383½	—	21½	117	184½	233	—
5700	74½	206	286	359	521½	37	135	204	255½	316
5750	45½	174	258½	328½	—	58	156	223	275	—
5800	24½	143	226½	298½	458	88½	177½	244	295½	355
5850	11½	118½	200	268½	—	129	205½	268	318	—
5900	4	97	178	238½	395	178	235½	296	343	402

June 16 Total: 4939 Calls: 2333 Puts: 2606 *Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 98	109.80	109.80	109.42	109.32	1902
Previous open interest 130837	Sep 98	110.53	110.53	109.55	109.63	111259
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 98	108.53	108.54	108.24	108.30	26513
Previous open interest 77198	Dec 98				107.75	0
Five Year Gilt	Jun 98	102.10	102.10	101.85	101.85	841
Previous open interest 9338	Sep 98	103.54	103.57	103.31	103.31	278
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	120.69	120.73	120.38	120.46	19707
Previous open interest 100007	Dec 98				106.74	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	133.70	133.75	133.52	133.63	2871
	Dec 98	133.46	133.48	133.46	133.46	180
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 98	92.300	92.310	92.250	92.250	32043
	Sep 98	92.350	92.350	92.180	92.200	84473
Previous open interest 989128	Dec 98	92.460	92.460	92.230	92.260	138801
Three Mth Euromark	Jul 98	96.390	96.395	96.390	96.395	1301
Previous open interest 2173638	Dec 98	96.055	96.055	96.025	96.035	50845
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 98	95.550	95.570	95.510	95.540	34119
Previous open interest 672209	Dec 98	96.000	96.000	95.940	95.960	7985
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 98	98.070	98.130	98.050	98.110	23910
Previous open interest 154333	Dec 98	97.860	97.930	97.850	97.920	10326
Three Mth ECU	Jul 98				95.730	0
Previous open interest 32409	Aug 98				95.730	0
FTSE 100	Jun 98	5680.0	5758.0	5680.0	5737.0	40710
Previous open interest 192692	Sep 98	5750.0	5830.0	5750.0	5810.0	30387

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 4 Week fixed: 7¼
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 7⅛; 3 mth 7⅛. Sell: 2 mth 7⅛; 3 mth: 7⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7¼-7½	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	7½-7⅛	7⅞-7⅝	7¾-7⅝	7⅞-7⅞	7¾-7⅝
Interbank:	7½-7⅛	7⅞-7⅝	7¾-7⅝	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅝
Overnight: open 7¼, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	7½	n/a	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞
Sterling CDs:	7½-7⅞	7⅝-7⅝	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7¾-7⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.58	5.63	5.68
Building Society CDs:	7⅝-7½	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅝-7⅝	7¾-7⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5½-5½	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5¼-4¼
Deutschemark:	3⅞-2⅞	3⅝-3¼	3⅝-3½	3½-3⅝	4-3
French Franc:	3½-3⅝	3⅝-3½	3½-3⅝	3½-3⅝	3½-2¼
Swiss Franc:	1½-1½	1½-1½	1½-1½	1½-1½	2½-1½
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $286.50-286.80 Close: $287.40-287.90 High: $287.40-287.90
Low: $284.35-284.85 AM: $286.40 PM: $287.00

Krugerrand: $288.00-290.00 (£174.00-176.00)

Platinum: $351.00 (£212.50) Silver: $5.225 (£3.155) Palladium: $276.00 (£167.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3259-3.3521	3.3496-3.3521	1¼-1¼pr	3½-3¼pr
Brussels	60.840-61.356	61.302-61.356	23-18pr	64-57pr
Copenhagen	11.235-11.325	11.317-11.325	½-¼pr	1-1pr
Dublin	1.1690-1.1811	1.1789-1.1811	16-10pr	43-33pr
Frankfurt	2.9498-2.9735	2.9713-2.9735	1¼-1pr	3-3pr
Lisbon	302.38-304.32	303.85-304.32	½-½pr	2½-2½pr
Madrid	250.38-252.35	252.16-252.35	74-63pr	212-193pr
Milan	2925.9-2929.1	2925.9-2929.1	64-48pr	195-173pr
Montreal	2.4152-2.4311	2.4285-2.4311	0.58-0.52pr	1.10-1.01pr
New York	1.6410-1.6535	1.6528-1.6535	0.283-0.262pr	0.820-0.790pr
Oslo	12.537-12.637	12.624-12.637	½-¼pr	1-½pr
Paris	9.8910-9.9714	9.9623-9.9714	3¼-3¼pr	10½-9½pr
Stockholm	13.172-13.308	13.294-13.308	⅛ds-½pr	1½-1pr
Tokyo	237.56-238.51	238.30-238.51	1½ds-1½pr	4¼-4¼pr
Vienna	20.758-20.922	20.905-20.922	½-½pr	2½-1½pr
Zurich	2.4585-2.4763	2.4742-2.4763	1½-1½pr	3½-3½pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6906-1.6920
Austria	12.65-12.66
Belgium (Com)	37.07-37.12
Canada	1.4710-1.4715
Denmark	6.8495-6.8515
France	6.0265-6.0340
Germany	1.7981-1.7986
Hong Kong	7.7430-7.7440
Ireland	1.3987-1.4037
Italy	1771.10-1771.30
Japan	144.33-144.38
Malaysia	4.0530-4.0625
Netherlands	2.0271-2.0276
Norway	7.6457-7.6507
Portugal	184.19-184.58
Singapore	1.7395-1.7415
Spain	152.85-152.95
Sweden	8.0476-8.0526
Switzerland	1.4983-1.4993

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6480-1.6505
Australia dollar	2.7859-2.7896
Bahrain dinar	0.6095-0.6255
Brazil real*	1.9011-1.9038
China yuan	13.428-13.730
Cyprus pound	0.8575-0.8765
Finland markka	8.9050-9.0460
Greece drachma	500.25-511.15
Hong Kong dollar	12.7565-12.7644
India rupee	68.44-70.14
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4970-0.5100
Malaysia ringgit	6.6777-6.6966
New Zealand dollar	3.3191-3.3254
Pakistan rupee	71.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8975-6.0315
Singapore dollar	2.8660-2.8690
S Africa rand (com)	8.6830-8.8700
U A E dirham	5.9525-6.0875

Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,061	Legal & Gn	1,979
ASDA Gp	11,061	Lloyds TSB	11,790
Abbey Ntl	3,963	LucasVarity	2,537
Allied Dom	2,812	Marks Spr	8,571
Allnce & Leic	3,078	Nat Grid	2,410
Amvescap	1,022	Nat Power	3,338
AB Foods	497	NatWst Bk	3,426
Bk of Scot	2,012	Next	6,187
BAA	1,553	Norwich Un	5,355
Barclays	7,063	Nycmd Amr	1,166
Bass	1,286	Orange	1,124
BAT Inds	7,307	P & O	1,993
BG	9,824	Pearson	1,346
Billiton	4,629	PowerGen	2,175
Blue Circle	2,983	Prudential	4,560
BOC	2,264	Railtrack	1,405
Boots	2,855	Rank Group	932
BAe	5,350	Reckitt Col	1,206
BA	2,961	Reed Intl	5,635
Brit Energy	6,863	Rentokil	5,566
Br Land	2,597	Reuters	2,051
BP	6,814	Rio Tinto	2,652
Brit Steel	13,022	RMC	709
BSkyB	2,084	Rolls Royce	3,606
BT	20,435	Royal & Sun	2,687
BTR	7,386	Royal Bk Sct	4,632
CGU	2,061	Safeway	5,650
Cable Wire	13,503	Sainsbury	1,579
Cadbury	1,985	Schroders	239
Carlton Cms	1,936	Scot & New	1,117
Centrica	11,597	Scot Power	3,675
Compass Gp	2,202	Svrn Trent	648
Diageo	3,137	Shell Trans	22,727
EMI	5,864	Siebe	1,506
Energy Gp	196	Smiths Ind	1,763
Enterpr Oil	1,515	SmKl Bch	17,111
Gen Elec	7,390	Std Chartd	5,020
GKN	2,646	Sun Life	144
Glaxo Well	5,813	Tesco	3,000
Granada	1,784	Thames W	897
GUS	1,385	Tomkins	1,143
GRE	4,927	Unilever	4,134
Hays	800	Utd News	1,932
ICI	1,066	Utd Utilities	772
Kingfisher	1,999	Vodafone	9,378
HSBC	5,765	Whitbread	1,763
Halifax	7,628	Williams	4,161
Ladbroke	3,623	Wolseley	3,991
Land Secs	1,660	Woolwich	3,640
LASMO	3,347	Zeneca	1,573

WALL STREET

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
AMP Inc	36¼	36½
AMR Corp	79¼	79⅛
AT & T	60⅞	60⅛
Abbott Labs	38¼	38⅛
Advanced Micro	17¼	17
Aetna Life	73¼	73¼
Ahmanson (HF)	70⅛	71
Air Prod & Chem	42¼	83⅛
AirTouch Comm	48¼	48¼
Albertson's	51⅛	51¼
Alcan Aluminium	26	26⅛
Allied Signal	40¼	41⅛
Alum Co of Am	64¼	63¼
Amerada Hess	50⅞	50⅛
AEP	47¼	47⅞
Amer Express	101⅛	101⅛
Amer Genl Corp	65¼	65⅞
Amer Home Pr	50¼	50⅛
Amer Intl	131¼	132
Amer Online	86¼	85¼
Amer Stores	24	24
Amer Standard	43⅛	43⅛
Ameritech	43¼	44
Amgen	62¼	62⅛
Amoco	41¼	40¼
Andrew Corp	19⅞	19¼
Anheuser-Busch	47⅛	47⅛
Apple Computer	27¼	27½
Archer Daniels	19¼	19⅛
Armco	5¼	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	80	79½
Asarco	22¼	21⅞
Atl Richfield	78½	77⅛
Atmel Corp	13	12¼
Auto Data Pro	65¼	65¼
Avery Dennison	50⅛	49⅞
Avon Products	77⅛	78⅞
Baker Hughes	35⅛	34¼
Baltim Gas & El	31¼	31½
Banc One	56¼	56⅛
BankAmerica	84	84⅛
Bank of NY	58¼	58¼
Bankers Tr Crp	110⅞	112⅞
Bausch & Lomb	48⅛	47⅞
Baxter Intl	52¼	52
Becton Dickinsn	73¼	72
Bell Atlantic	94⅛	95
BellSouth	66¼	67⅞
Best Foods	58⅛	58⅞
Black & Decker	55⅛	54⅞
Block (H&R)	43⅛	42⅛
Boeing	43¼	43½
Boise Cascade	33¼	33
Boston Scien	63¼	61
Bristol Myrs Sq	114	113⅛
Browning Ferris	35⅛	34½
Brunswick	24⅛	24⅞
Burlington Nthn	99¼	98⅛
CMS Energy Corp	44¼	45¼
CSX	47⅛	47⅛
CBS Corp	30½	29¼
Campbell Soup	53⅞	55⅛
Carolina Pwr	43⅞	44
Case Corp	50¼	50½
Caterpillar	52⅛	52¼
Central & SW	27¼	27¼
Champion Intl	46⅛	45⅛
Chase Manhat	68⅛	68⅛
Chevron Corp	81⅛	79⅛
Chrysler	53	51½
Chubb Corp	74⅛	74¼
Cigna Corp	67⅛	67½
Citicorp	146⅞	144¼
Clorox	87	86⅛
Coastal Corp	67¼	66⅛
Coca Cola	78⅛	79⅛
Coca Cola Ent	39⅛	39½
Colgate-Palm	89½	86⅛
Columbia Energy	56¼	82¼
ColumbiaHCA	29¼	29⅛
Compaq Comp	27⅞	27¼
Comp Ass Int	55¼	54⅛
Conagra	31¼	31⅞
Cons Edison	46⅛	47
Cons Nat Gas	56⅞	56¼
Cooper Inds	61⅞	61⅞
Corning Inc	34⅞	34⅞
C'wide Credit	50¼	49⅞
Crestar Finl	54¼	54⅛
Crown Cork	48¼	48⅛
Daimler Bz ADR	93⅛	42⅛
Dana Corp	51⅛	51¼
Dayton Hudson	47½	48⅞
Deere	48¼	48⅛
Dell Computer	82	80¼
Delta Air Lines	125⅞	126¼
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33⅛
Dillard Dept St	39¼	39¼
Disney (Walt)	113¼	112⅛
Dominion Res	40½	40¼
Donelley (RR)	43¼	43¼
Dover Corp	35¼	35⅞
Dow Chemical	96⅛	95⅛
Dow Jones	49⅛	48¼
Dresser	42⅛	40¼
Duke Energy	61⅞	62⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	34¼	34⅛
Du Pont	72¼	71⅞
Eastman Chem	62⅛	62⅛

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
Eastman Kodak	66¼	67⅞
Eaton Corp	83	82¼
Edison Intl	29⅞	29⅛
Elect Data Sys	34¼	33⅞
Emerson Elec	61½	61¼
Engelhard Corp	20⅛	20¼
Enron Corp	49⅛	49¼
Energy	27¼	27⅞
Ethyl Corp	6⅛	6¼
Exxon	69¼	68½
FDX Holding	59⅞	59⅞
FMC Corp	71¼	70⅛
FPL Group	64⅛	65⅛
Fifth Third Banc	51½	51
Fleet Finl Grp	78⅛	79
Fluor Corp	48	48¼
Ford Motor	51¼	51⅞
Fort James	43¼	42¼
Fortune Brands	37½	37⅛
Franklin Res	48¼	48¼
GTE Corp	56¼	57¼
Gannett	65⅛	65¼
Gap Inc Del	57⅛	59¼
Gateway 2000	44¼	43½
Gen Dynamics	43⅞	44¼
Gen Electric	84⅞	83⅞
Gen Mills	69⅛	69⅛
Gen Motors	67⅛	68¼
Gen Reinsurance	221¼	221¼
Gen Signal	38⅞	38⅞
Genuine Parts	33¼	33⅞
Georgia Pac	57¼	56⅛
Gillette	59⅛	55¼
Glaxo Welc ADR	56	55¼
Goodrich (BF)	48⅛	48¼
Goodyear Tire	64¼	64
Great Lakes	38⅛	38¼
Halliburton	43½	42⅛
Harcourt General	55⅛	55¼
Heinz (HJ)	53⅛	53¼
Hercules	42¼	42⅛
Hershey Foods	69¼	69⅛
Hewlett Packard	59⅛	59½
Hilton Hotels	31¼	30⅛
Home Depot	79½	78¼
Homestake Mng	10⅛	9⅞
Honeywell	79¼	79⅛
Household Intl	44⅞	45½
Houston Inds	29½	29⅞
Humana	30⅛	30⅛
Ikon Office	22¼	21⅞
Illinois Tool	65¼	65⅛
Illinova	30⅛	30¼
INCO	13⅛	13⅛
Ingersoll Rand	43¼	43⅞
Inland Steel	27¼	27¼
Intel Corp	67⅞	65¼
IBM	108¼	112¼
Intl Flav & Fr	44⅞	44⅞
Intl Paper	44¼	43⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	71¼	71⅛
Kellogg	40	40⅛
Kerr-McGee	57⅞	56¼
Kimberly-Clark	45¼	45¼
Kmart	20	20⅛
Knight-Ridder	54⅞	54⅛
Lilly (Eli)	62⅞	63⅞
Limited Inc	30⅞	30¼
Lincoln Nat	86¼	86½
Litton	57¼	57⅛
Liz Claiborne	52⅛	52⅛
Lockheed Martin	106⅞	108⅛
Louisiana Pac	18⅛	18⅛
MCI Comm	51¼	50⅞
Manpower Inc	29⅞	38⅛
Marketspan Cp	30⅞	30⅛
Marsh & McLnn	87⅛	87⅛
Masco Corp	59⅞	59⅛
May Dept St	63⅛	62½
Maytag Corp	49⅞	49¼
McDonalds	63¼	63⅞
McGraw Hill	80¼	80⅛
Mead Corp	29⅛	28¼
Medimst Corp	28⅛	36⅛
Medtronic	56⅞	56¼
Mellon Bk	64⅞	64⅞
Merck Inc	124⅞	124⅞
Merrill Lynch	85¼	84⅞
Microsoft	86⅞	85⅞
Minnesota Mine	81⅛	81
Mirage Resorts	21¼	21¼
Mobil Corp	79¼	73¼
Monsanto	56⅞	55¼
Morgan (JP)	117½	119¼
Motorola Inc	49⅞	49⅛
Mylan Labs	31	31¼
Natl Semi	14¼	14⅛
Natl Service Ind	50	49⅞
Navistar Int	26⅛	26¼
NY Times A	71¼	71¼
Newmont Mng	22¼	21¼
Nike B	44⅛	43¼
NL Industries	18¼	17⅞
Nordstrom	68½	68¼
Norfolk Sthrn	29¼	30
Nthn State Pwr	28⅞	28⅞
Norwest Corp	34¼	34¼
Occidental Pet	25¼	24⅞
Office Depot	29⅛	29¼

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Oracle	24¼	24⅛
Oryx Energy Co	21⅞	20⅞
Owens Corning	39⅛	38¼
PPG Industries	69¼	69⅛
PMI Group	70⅞	70⅛
PNC Bank	54⅞	54¼
PP&L Res	23¼	23¼
Paccar Inc	53¼	53¼
Pacificorp	22⅛	22¼
Pac Enterprises	40⅞	40¼
PaineWebber	41¼	41⅛
Pall Corp	21¼	21¼
Parker Hannifin	37⅞	37¼
Peco Energy	29⅛	30⅛
Penney (JC)	74¼	74¼
Pennzoil	53⅛	51¼
Pepsico	40⅛	41⅛
Pfizer	108⅞	108⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	42¼	42¼
Phelps Dodge	58¼	56¼
Philip Morris	37¼	36⅞
Phillips Pet	48⅛	48¼
Pitney Bowes	46⅛	45
Polaroid	36⅛	36¼
Procter & Gmbl	86¼	85
Providian	69	68⅛
Pub Serv E & G	34¼	34¼
Quaker Oats	55⅛	55¼
Ralston Purina	111¼	110⅞
Raychem Corp	34¼	35½
Raytheon B	52¼	52⅞
Reebok Intl	28⅛	28
Rellastar Fin	43⅛	42⅞
Reynolds Metals	52½	52½
Rockwell Intl	50⅛	49⅛
Rohm & Haas	105¼	105½
Royal Dutch	54⅛	53½
Rubbermaid	32⅞	32⅞
SBC Comms	38¼	39⅛
Safeco Corp	44¼	44⅞
St Paul's Cos	44¼	44⅛
Sara Lee Corp	57¼	57½
Schering Plough	87⅞	86¼
Schlumberger	71¼	68⅞
Seagram	40⅞	40¼
Sears Roebuck	59⅞	61⅛
Shell Trans	41¼	41¼
Sherwin Wlms	32	31¼
Silicon Graphics	11⅛	11⅛
Snap-On-Tools	41¼	41¼
Southern Co	28⅛	28¼
Southtrust	40	40
Sprint Corp	68¼	68½
Stanley Works	44⅞	45⅛
Starwood H & R	44⅞	45¼
Sun Company	37⅛	36¼
Sun Microsys	42¼	41¼
Suntrust	77⅛	78
Supervalu	43⅛	43⅞
Synovus Fin	22¼	22⅛
Sysco Corp	24¼	24⅛
TRW Inc	53¼	53¼
TJC Hldgs	23⅛	23⅛
Tandy Corp	41¼	42⅛
Temple Inland	53⅛	53¼
Tenet Healthcare	29¼	28⅞
Tenneco	39	38¼
Texaco	57¼	57
Texas Inst	49⅛	47¼
Texas Utilities	40⅞	40⅞
Textron	72⅞	72⅛
Thermo Elect	32¼	32¼
Time Warner	76⅞	73⅛
Times-Mirror A	63⅛	64¼
Timken	34⅛	34¼
Torchmark	40⅛	40⅞
Toys R Us	23⅞	23⅞
Transamerica	113⅞	112⅞
Travelers	60⅛	59⅛
Tribune	67⅛	67¼
UST Inc	25⅛	24¼
US Bancorp	39¼	39¼
UAL	78¼	78½
Unicom	67⅞	66½
US Inds	26⅛	26¼
US West Media	n/a	35⅞
USAirways Group	76¼	76⅛
USX Marathon	32¼	32⅛
Unicom	35⅞	36⅞
Unilever NV	80½	79⅛
Union Camp	51¼	50⅞
Union Carbide	46¼	45⅛
Union Pacific	46¼	47
Unisys Corp	25¼	24¼
United Tech	85¼	86
Unocal Corp	36¼	35⅛
VF Corp	53¼	52¼
Wal-Mart Stores	56⅞	56⅛
Warner-Lambert	60⅛	60⅛
Waste Mngmt	31⅞	31⅛
Wells Fargo	345¼	346⅞
Weyerhaeuser	46¼	47⅛
Whirlpool	63¼	62¼
Whitman	21⅛	21⅛
Winn Dixie	43¼	44⅛
Witco Corp	32⅛	31⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	96½	97¼
Xerox	92¼	92⅛
Xilinx Inc	34¼	33⅞

IMF receives broadside from Basle

In the best tradition of central banking, papers published by the Bank for International Settlements are usually impenetrable, full of statistics that would be fascinating if only they were flagged up helpfully for the non-specialist. If the BIS has an opinion, it is often so opaquely expressed that it goes unnoticed.

Old habits die hard but the bank's 68th annual report published last week was not the usual candidate for the economic journalist's waste paper bin. It was nothing less than a damning critique of commercial banking, spiced up to delicious effect with a none too subtle swipe at the role of the International Monetary Fund.

Of the IMF's part in the rescue of Asia, it said that countries of the region must respond promptly to the Fund's policy prescriptions. However, it added that this was more likely to happen if the IMF were to narrow the scope of its activity to re-establishing financial stability and recommending measures to ensure balance of payments equilibrium in the countries that needed its help.

In other words, the BIS is putting the case for the IMF to go back to basics, to the role that it was initially given more than 50 years ago at Bretton Woods. At the same time, the BIS, which was set up in 1930 to channel German war reparations but has since evolved into "the central bankers' bank" and a forum for developing financial regulation, is implicitly asking for more power for itself.

It is increasingly clear that, although Asia is now facing a devastating economic crisis, the events of the last year were rooted in bad banking. Why then has the BIS not even had a walk-on part while the IMF has strutted the world stage, every inch a prima donna? In any audition for the role of lead international financial regulator, the BIS has some considerable advantages. For one thing, it warned of impending trouble in Asia and the IMF did not. In the middle of last year, the BIS noted the dangers of a rapid build-up in short-term debt, citing the fact that South Korea had $68 billion (£40 billion) of loans that would have to be repaid within a year. The IMF, in its annual report published last autumn, said: "Directors welcomed Korea's continued impressive macroeconomic performance and praised the authorities for their enviable fiscal record."

The alarming fact is that the IMF is stuffed full of brilliant (although ideologically narrow-minded) macroeconomists and was peculiarly ill-suited to anticipate and then deal with what was, in its early stages, and remains in part, a banking crisis. In contrast, the BIS specialises in banking



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and talks sensibly about it. For example, it points out fascinatingly in last week's report that the way in which Mexico was bailed out in 1995 sowed some demon seeds for Asia in 1997. Mexico's foreign liabilities took the form of widely held holdings of marketable short-term paper. The bail-out allowed holders of short-term, dollar-linked Mexican government paper to escape without any loss but holders of other forms of Mexican paper such as equities, long-term bonds or peso-denominated debt suffered heavy losses.

This, the BIS suggests, may have distorted the pattern of capital flows from equity to debt, from long to short-term and from local to foreign currency. Such effects, it said, would subsequently make borrowing countries more vulnerable to sudden liquidity crises and so they did in Asia.

Mexico 1995 was also an egregious case of moral hazard. Those that were bailed out by IMF and American billions soon went on to take silly risks in Asia. Arguably, the moral hazard in Asia was even worse because so many loans were made to projects that had the implicit guarantee of local governments: bad banking backed up by bad government and the IMF.

After Asia, the IMF is permanently tainted, not just because of moral hazard but also because it is perceived to be the creature of American geopolitical and commercial interests. Investors in Mexico knew that the US — and therefore the IMF — would not abandon its partner in Nafta to its fate. Investors in South Korea and Indonesia "risked" their money with the same certainty.

When the BIS says that the IMF would be more successful if it stuck to fostering financial and balance of payments stability, it is questioning the astonishing power that the IMF wields and perhaps even its dominance by Anglo-Saxon ideology.

The IMF long ago ceased to be an ordinary financial policeman. It already dominates macro and microeconomic policy throughout the developing world, which should in itself be questioned. It is now encroaching ever more deeply on the political life of nations with conditions for loans including reforms to civil services and legal systems as well as programmes to tackle corruption and, probably behind the veil of Article 4 consultations, a requirement to hold democratic elections.

This astounding intrusion into the life of nations, apparently unquestioned by major shareholders such as Britain and cheered on by the US whose views are so well championed, may, in the end, provoke a backlash. It would be well-deserved.

American policymakers rather deride the BIS for being boring, far too *sotto voce* for its own good and dominated by stick-in-the-mud Europeans. Given the less than brilliant record of the IMF in Asia, it may not be the worse for that. If the European Union is determined to challenge American hegemony in world economic affairs, it would do well to build up the case for a greater role for Basle over Washington.

The cost of a minimum wage will be measured in lost jobs

With the Government due to respond to the Low Pay Commission tomorrow, Christine Buckley finds smaller firms anxious about the effect of the expected £3.60 an hour level on their businesses



Surface solution: the minimum wage may mean pay rises for some, but they will have to work harder as staff numbers are cut

At £3.60 the minimum wage would cover the price of a packet of cigarettes. It is not a huge amount of money. If, as expected, the Government implements the wage at this level, after the recommendation from the Low Pay Commission, it will fall well short of union expectations and raise little concern from the majority of big businesses. The Confederation of British Industry has said £3.60 would be at the top end of the acceptable range and liveable with. Nevertheless, many small companies fear it could force their destruction and will bring substantial job losses.

The Low Pay Commission report has conceded that some companies that pay low, and for which pay is the overwhelming part of production costs, may experience a tough period of adjustment.

Unions, which believe a minimum wage helps to ensure that competitiveness is not founded on sweatshop conditions, argue that companies can be encouraged to increase productivity rather than setting pay at low levels. They added that lifting pay levels would reduce high staff turnover which can be costly for business.

But smaller companies — which make up the majority of businesses in the UK — maintain that flexibility is crucial to their survival. They say that they must have the ability to pay staff what they can afford in order to be able to offer jobs in the first place.

The Low Pay Commission said such companies could have a difficult transition until they can pass on higher costs to their customers. However, many businesses believe that they will not be able to do this.

Ian Connell runs a 40-strong cleaning company with a £1 million annual turnover in Coventry. Full-time staff are paid between £3.50 and £4.20, but part-timers earn just £3.25. Mr Connell, who gets the majority of his work from one client, expects to have to reduce staff numbers and force the remaining employees to work harder once the minimum wage is introduced. He said: "Not only will you not be able to pass on the increase in prices, but the environment is such that we are likely to be asked to be more competitive and to cut prices."

Elaine Sihera, a former freelance journalist who runs a publishing company in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, fears that Afro-Caribbean businesses will suffer disproportionately. "A lot of Afro-Caribbean businesses are like mine and have between one and ten employees. A minimum wage at this level is going to drive out a lot of these businesses in black areas." Although Ms Sihera believes that there should be some government measure to prohibit exploitation, she nevertheless thinks that £3.60 will prove difficult and that small businesses need to set pay at a level that they can afford and that will enable a growth in staff numbers. She employs four people and although she pays some more than the proposed minimum rate, says she could not have recruited her first staff at £3.60. She currently pays between £5 and £8.10 an hour.

Richard Brucciani, who has 50 employees in a Leicestershire garments business, said: "If you are going to have a minimum wage that makes a difference, it is going to affect employment." He pays a basic starting salary of £4 an hour.

Some industrialists believe that the minimum wage could trigger a surge in the informal economy, forcing small businesses to flout the law and hope that the Government's enforcement resources are not great.

At £3.60, the British rate would be in the middle of a range of levels set in comparable countries. Belgium pays a minimum wage equivalent to £4.20; the US pays £2.85; France pays £3.75; The Netherlands £3.96; and Portugal £1.09. But the concern of many businesses is that the minimum wage will reduce competitiveness against low-paying countries such as those in the Far East. Ian Peters, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, believes that some textiles companies could go to the wall when they have to pay the minimum wage because they are in competition with low-paying overseas companies.

Some economists have issued dire warnings over the impact of the minimum wage. Patrick Minford recently painted a stark picture, predicting up to 250,000 job losses if the knock-on effects of the wage are severe. His forecast falls in line with old estimates by UBS, the broker, which calculated that the worst job losses stemming from a minimum wage set at a level equivalent to £3.60 in today's prices would exceed 260,000. Opponents of the minimum wage believe that it will not stop at £3.60 and that a spiral of pay increases could be sparked by workers demanding the restoration of differentials eroded by the statutory pay floor.

Mr Peters said: "The differential issue is the biggest one — £3.60 may be the best floor we are going to get, but we will have to see how far that penetrates with other staff asking for increases."

Unison, Britain's biggest union, argues that such fears are flimsy. The breakdown of both national bargaining over pay in many areas and the number of different bargaining units in workplaces means that wage settlements are struck after isolated negotiations. Traditional differentials are on the decline. Unison wants a minimum wage to be raised to £4.61 — half of male median earnings.

Part-time workers, especially women, will benefit the most from a minimum wage. But some employers say they will cut the hours of part-timers.

Regionally, the minimum wage will hit some areas harder than others. While £3.60 will leave employers in London and the South-East virtually unaffected, it will hit businesses in Northern Ireland, northern England, Wales and Cornwall much harder.

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, said: "Regionally there will be big difficulties with the minimum wage, with lower paying areas facing tougher problems implementing it." She believes that job losses will be an unavoidable casualty of the minimum wage. "Even a minimum wage at this relatively modest rate will have an effect on unemployment and will have an effect on inflation."

Peter Ibbetson, head of NatWest Bank's small business services, is certain that small companies will start suffering because they will not be able to compete with the more flexible self-employed worker and one-person business. "The minimum wage will create an uneven playing field. We are going to see good small businesses squeezed out through no fault of their own."

Fleming's Far Eastern jewel loses its shine

Jardine Fleming, once the brightest star in the Hong Kong investment firmament, has come down to earth. One of the worst economic crises in the region for decades, coupled with a series of scandals, have taken the shine off this great company.

According to City folklore, Jardine Fleming — a 50:50 joint venture between Jardine Matheson, the colonial trading house, and Robert Fleming, one of the UK's few remaining independent merchant banks — was founded in 1970 with £50,000 capital.

By the end of 1996, the company claimed to have in excess of US$20 billion (£12.3 billion) in assets under management, and for many years Robert Fleming looked to its Eastern partner for a substantial chunk of its profits.

Its fortunes first took a turn for the worse in 1996 with the exposure of a dealing scandal by its foremost fund manager, Colin Armstrong, who was accused of siphoning off profitable deals for select accounts.

This resulted in a £700,000 fine for Jardine Fleming and its sister companies, as well as a £12 million bill for compensation. Worse still, clients voted with their feet, and the firm lost mandates.

Jardine Fleming was subsequently forced in May 1997 to sack a senior director, Rupert McCowan, after allegations linking him to mercenaries hired by the Papua New Guinea Government.

Unsurprisingly, the tide of bad news, coupled with worsening economic conditions in the Far East, and uncertainty surrounding the colony's handover to China took a toll on Jardine Fleming's profits.

Yesterday's news that Jardine Fleming has lost the mandate to run part of the HK$3 billion (£234 million) pension fund of Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway after 17 years suggests the firm still has substantial problems, even though it insists the first half of 1998 has been good for asset management.

Notably, Robert Fleming has progressively lessened its dependence on the Hong Kong venture. Last November, the bank said Jardine Fleming contributed only 16 per cent of its profits, compared to just under half of earnings in 1995.

The decline in profits has helped to resuscitate stories about the future of the joint venture. One report suggested that Robert Fleming's chairman, John Manser, proposed a buyout of the Matheson stake. Such reports are given short shrift by Rodney Leach, a non-executive director of Matheson. "It has never been on the agenda," he says.

While funds under management at Jardine Fleming have shrunk to US$17 billion, net assets have only slipped slightly, thanks to a hedging strategy. Net assets in 1997 were US$469 million against US$481 million in 1996. More importantly, as Jardine Fleming has no proprietary trading desk, it has not needed to make any provisions.

While the company has lost mandates in Hong Kong, it has been actively exploiting the woes of its Japanese peers. Yesterday, it began trading on the Singapore stock exchange after buying the seat vacated by Yamaichi, the failed Japanese broker.

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Brain work

PROFESSIONALS in the City is the subtitle of a *history of Phillips & Drew*, from the late 19th century to the loss of independence in 1985. So the timescale does not permit discussion of P&D Fund Management and its bearish views of the stock market, probably the first thing that comes to mind when you mention P&D in the City these days.

"Those involved in the events of 1985 onwards are probably still too close to them to offer dispassionate assessments," the book claims. Quite. Still, the market might yet crash one day. I was taken by the following quotation from the 1920s: "Stockbrokers are generally honest but not particularly brilliant ... especially if they confine themselves to investment business there is little scope for the development of the brain."



"Is that per second or per minute?"

☐ *CONGRATULATIONS to Gus Macdonald, chairman of Scottish Media Group. This former shipyard worker, left-wing militant, stalwart of* Tribune *magazine and now media millionaire has finally succeeded in scaling the ramparts of the capitalist system. He has taken the class struggle over the barricades and to the heart of the beast, and become a non-executive director of the Bank of Scotland. Gus, who as a wee bairn bore the rather less demotic name of Angus, seems to have omitted any mention of* Tribune *from his CV. In my younger days we called this sort of thing entryism.*

That'll do nicely

GREAT excitement at Citibank's private viewing for clients at the Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair. A painting there looked oddly familiar. A helmeted face, looking left on a greenish background — the original for the American Express card design, as it happens, from about 1915 by Alonzo Earl Foringer, an oil on canvas for sale at £18,500.

The fair is now open to the public until Saturday, so Amex has four days to snap the thing up. Or perhaps Citibank, which has blindingly ambitious plans to become the planet's biggest provider of credit cards by the year 2010, will get there first.

Holy grail

PETER LONGINOTTI, from the Manchester office of Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance, is a fan of the Camelot theme park and hotel complex outside Chorley, Lancashire, whose £14 million management buyout he has just assisted. (Chorley is, of course, a town steeped in Arthurian history.) "We're looking at developing the site further, with a couple of new rides, an extension to the hotel and interval ownership." Interval ownership? "Er, it's a more respectable name for timeshare," admits Longinotti weakly.

☐ *A TALE of richly deserved revenge from Monday's England-Tunisia game. An executive at One-2-One on a corporate jolly to Marseilles spent almost the entire trip gabbing into one of his firm's phones. Shortly after kick-off his handset chirrupped into life yet again. He was surrounded by a boozy rabble of ten or so shirtless Essex-men who bellowed into his ear "Ing-ga-lund, Ing-ga-lund, Ing-ga-lund" until he put the thing down again.*

Out of Africa

COOPERS & LYBRAND in Dar es Salaam is selling a luxury tented camp in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, built for tourists three years ago. Offers into six figures, please. The park is unusual because it is on the path of the famous wildebeest migration. Swimming pool, sun deck, library, bar, if not too convenient for public transport and shops. Just two warnings.

First, the camp went bust because loans raised to build it could not be covered by revenues. Second, my man in the safari suit tells me that while hunting is, ostensibly, banned in Kenya, which shares the Serengeti, in Tanzania anything goes. The animals have therefore shown an understandable tendency recently to prefer the other side of the international border. Even wildebeest are not that thick.

Still, perhaps Stephen Boler, the man who swapped Limelight, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms company, for a wildlife park in the Kalahari, could unload another duff company on to the stock market and make an offer.

MARTIN WALLER



Wildebeest: getting up early to pinch the best sunbed again

THE BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Do not water down wage proposals Monks warns

JOHN MONKS, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, yesterday issued a strong warning to the Government not to water down the recommendations of the Low Pay Commission on the minimum wage.

Mr Monks dropped a clear hint that the unions might drop their support for the Low Pay Commission's recommendation of a £3.60-an-hour minimum wage rate if the Government tries to introduce a separate lower rate for young workers.

The Government is expected to reveal its position on the level of the minimum wage within the next week. There have been suggestions that the Treasury wants to introduce a lower rate for workers under 21 because it is worried that a flat minimum wage could harm the Government's training initiatives.

Mr Monks told the British Chambers of Commerce annual conference in Birmingham that he feared that Gordon Brown might try to force through a lower rate for young workers.

LOW PAY

The TUC General Secretary also claimed that a rejection of the commission's report, which had won support from both the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry, would damage partnership between business, the unions and the Government.

He claimed that just 40,000 young workers would be effected by the introduction of a youth rate for the minimum wage. "This does not seem to me to be enough people to change the recommendations and damage the social partnership," Mr Monks said.

Mr Monks admitted that the unions wanted the rate set at closer to £4 an hour and that the commission's recommendations "fall short" of the TUC's. However, he said that the TUC is willing to accept the commission's verdict.

"It's a start and we will be campaigning for a higher minimum wage in the future," he said.

Mr Monks added that the TUC wants to see the commission retained as a permanent institution overseeing the implementation and upgrading of the minimum wage.

Governor hints at further rate rises

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday warned British business that the Bank is concerned with the rising rate of inflation and hinted there could be further interest rate rises.

Mr George told delegates at the British Chambers of Commerce annual conference in Birmingham that it was "not yet clear" that rates had risen sufficiently to quell inflation.

He admitted that he is "not comfortable" with the jump in underlying inflation to 3.2 per cent, which was announced yesterday, even though he accepted that some of the increase was a result of Budget tax increases and an erratic rise in seasonal food prices.

However, Mr George came under sustained attack from business delegates concerned

INFLATION

over the high level of the pound, and from other speakers including Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, who described the most recent rate rise as a "disgrace".

The Government also faced criticism from the British Chambers of Commerce, with John Entwistle, the president, saying the Treasury should share some of the blame for the current problems because the Chancellor chose "not to pull" the fiscal levers.

A snap poll of the 500 delegates showed nearly 80 per cent were unhappy with the measures taken by Gordon Brown in his last Budget.

Mr George rounded on his critics, insisting that to have postponed a rate rise would have meant abandoning "our objectives and put the whole economy at risk". In a direct challenge to City analysts who have largely condemned the quarter-point increase last week, Mr George promised to reappear before the conference in two years time and "eat humble pie" if inflation is "significantly below the 2.5 per cent target rate".

He added that, in retrospect, it may even have proved to be a mistake to delay raising rates in the spring.

Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, offered his support to Mr George, insisting that the Government remained behind the Bank. "The whole country should support early action on inflation to prevent the recurrence of the stop-go economy," he said.

Mr Clarke, however, in a speech that received warm applause from delegates, gave warning that the Bank's interest rate rises, coupled with the Government's fiscal policies, could lead to a "hard landing".

"Things are going from bad to ridiculous; the Bank is raising interest rates when the economy is slowing," Mr Clarke said. He added that he felt it was significant that DeAnne Julius, the one member of the Monetary Policy Committee with business experience, was the only person to call for a rate cut. Mr Clarke said he would like to see the MPC employ a wider range of talents and end the reliance on economic forecasts that have a history of being "catastrophically wrong".

Mr Clarke's comments were echoed by Andrew Sentence, the chief economist at British Airways, who described the latest rate rise as "worrying" because it suggested that further interest rate rises could be on the way.

REPORTS: Alasdair Murray



Kenneth Clarke described the Bank's most recent rise in interest rates as a disgrace

WORDS TO THE WISE AT THE NEC

"City bonuses will have more impact on the economy than any national minimum wage." — *John Monks, defending a flat rate minimum wage.*

"I congratulate Gordon Brown on converting John Prescott to privatisation, although I can find very little else in the Government to praise." — *Kenneth Clarke, as combative as ever.*

"I will take my hat off to anyone who knows for certain that domestic demand is slowing sufficiently to prevent inflation rising further." — *Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, hits back at the Bank's critics.*

"One cannot but question the bank's latest interest rate rise. The only thing that can be said in its favour is that 19 out of 20 economists disagreed with it." — *John Entwistle, BCC President.*

"Businesses that do not recognise environmental limits are real will, rightly, die. Greenpeace will do what it can to give them a quick, but I can't promise a painless, death." — *Peter Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace UK.*

Entwistle says UK business supports EMU

JOHN ENTWISTLE, president of the British Chambers of Commerce, insisted yesterday that British business remains convinced of the need to join the single European currency "as soon as economic circumstances allow".

In a direct riposte to anti-EMU campaigners who claim to have the backing of the majority of UK industry, Mr Entwistle claimed that the BCC's membership favours joining the single currency.

Mr Entwistle claimed that the support for the single currency among his membership was not due to pro-European dogma, but "common business sense".

"Our businesses are neither for sterling nor for the Euro but for whatever it takes to ensure our economic prosperity," Mr Entwistle said.

The battle to win the hearts and minds of British business-

EURO DEBATE

men has intensified in recent weeks with the launch of "Business for Sterling", an umbrella group of anti-single currency businessmen headed by Lord Marsh, the former Labour Minister.

The Eurosceptic Institute of Directors, which supports the Business for Sterling campaign, has traded blows with the more pro-European Confederation of British Industry in recent months over which organisation best represents the views of British business. The IoD has argued that the CBI is biased towards blue chip companies that are likely to benefit most from entry into the single currency.

The BCC, however, can claim to be more representative of British industry with 110,000 members including a large proportion of small and regional businesses. The BCC claims that a consultation process conducted last year showed the majority of its members were in favour of joining EMU "in principle".

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Victrex in warning after 34% increase

VICTREX, a maker of industrial components from hard wearing plastic, increased pre-tax profits by 34 per cent in the six months to March 31. However, the company, which was spun out of ICI three years ago in a management buyout, warned that the second half of the year would not be as buoyant.

First half demand from automotive and computer industries on the Continent underpinned the strength but David Hummel, chief executive, said that turmoil in Asia was dampening current performance. Taxable profits were £6.8 million up from £5.1 million. Mr Hummel also said that first half profits would have been £2.3 million better had it not been for sterling's strength. Turnover grew 24 per cent to £24.2 million, earnings per share were 32 per cent better at 6.2p and the dividend is 1.65p (1.5p).

Copebras disposal

MINORCO, the international resources company based in London, said Copebras, its 73 per cent-owned Brazilian subsidiary, has sold its carbon black business to Columbian Chemicals, a subsidiary of America's Phelps Dodge Corporation, for $220 million (about £134 million). The Copebras facilities consist of an integrated industrial plant comprising the carbon black business and a phosphates business. Copebras will continue to operate the phosphates business, including a proposed joined venture with Albright & Wilson.

Stream's Ulster success

STREAM INTERNATIONAL, an American information technology company announced plans to recruit a further 200 staff at its Northern Ireland call centre. Stream is to double the workforce at its Londonderry plant to 400 within the next 18 months. Steve Moore, the company's chairman and chief executive officer, said that because of the success of the operation in Londonderry's Ulster Science and Technology Park, more staff were needed to service the company's European and worldwide network.

Property market wavers

THE market for commercial property is at a turning point, according to the Confederation of British Industry. A CBI survey showed that demand fell in the past six months. The analysis showed that shortage of suitable property was behind the declining appetite but also observed that shrinking demand was a sign of shrinking business confidence. Big firms — those with more than 2,000 staff — were observed to be especially reticent. The analysis was conducted in conjunction with GVA Grimley, the international property adviser.

Oriel Group agreed bid

ORIEL GROUP, the specialist insurance company, has received a £36.9 million agreed bid from Oman National Holding Company (ONHC). The offer is worth 112p a share in cash, a premium of 21 per cent over the market price on March 12 before bid talks were announced. ONHC has irrevocable acceptances in respect of 63.26 per cent of Oriel's shares. Yesterday Oriel reported losses of £7.4 million for 1997, compared with profits of £871,000 in 1996.

R-R wins Qantas order

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero engine manufacturer, has won a contract to supply engines for three Boeing 747-400s ordered by Australia's Qantas Airways. Rolls said it would supply its latest standard of RB211-524 engines and the three aircraft would delivered by 2000. The company said the latest version of RB211 was rated with a thrust between 58,000 and 60,000 pounds and was the most advanced engine on the 747-400. The contract is believed to be worth $120 million (£75 million).

Bradstock under review

DAVID YOUNG, the new chief executive of Bradstock Group, has launched a review of the specialist insurance broker's future strategy. Yesterday the company reported a fall in underlying profits to £2.9 million in the six months to March 31 from £3.7 million, taking in a relocation charge of £7 million and additional provisions of £3.3 million against pensions mis-selling. Adjusted earnings fell to 2.9p a share from 3.7p. The interim dividend is cut to 1.4p from 2.3p.

Zergo suffers slump

ZERGO HOLDINGS, which develops security coding systems for Internet users, suffered a slump in profits in the year to April 30. Professor Henry Baker, chairman and chief executive, blamed the fall on the increased cost of capital investment. Sales increased by 27 per cent to £13.2 million but taxable profits declined from £621,000 to £297,000. After finance costs there was a loss per share of 1p, compared with earnings last time of 2.3p. There is no dividend.

Hunting Cargo sold

HUNTING, the defence and aviation group, has sold its Hunting Cargo Airlines subsidiary for £8.8 million in cash. The buyer is a consortium consisting of Compagnie Maritime de Belge and Safair. HCA had turnover in 1997 of £38 million and it made a pre-tax loss of £100,000. Net assets bought are valued at £8.2 million. Not included in the sale is HCA's fleet of five Electra aircraft but Hunting is in talks about a sale of this equipment to a separate buyer.

Golden Vale upbeat

GOLDEN VALE, the Irish food group, said it had made a strong start to the current year and that 1998 results should be an improvement on the profit growth of 1997. At the annual shareholders' meeting in Dublin, Pat McKenna, chairman, and Jim Murphy, group managing director, said the company was pursuing a number of projects to develop new markets. In February the company reported a rise in annual pre-tax profits to Ir£16.2 million from Ir£9.3 million.

Business Post raises dividend

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

BUSINESS POST, the fast-growing mail delivery service, is rewarding shareholders with the second big increase in dividend payments in two years.

Profits grew 18 per cent to £19.1 million from £16.2 million in the year to March 31 and the dividend was hoisted 38 per cent.

The company said that it had reviewed its capital spending plans for the next three years and decided more cash could go to shareholders.

Last year it paid a special dividend of 9.1p, on top of 10.5p of ordinary dividends, making a total of 19.6p. This year it paid 14.5p, but asked shareholders to view this as growth from last year's base 10.5p payment.

In September Business Post opened its national hub in Birmingham at a cost of £7.3 million. This will complement a regional hub opened in Park Royal, West London, to cover deliveries into London. Another regional hub is due to open shortly in Runcorn, Cheshire.

Neil Benson, chairman, said: "The increased dividend is to reward shareholders who have stuck with us loyally since flotation."

Turnover for the year grew 21 per cent to £97.6 million from £80.5 million. Earnings per share are up 21 per cent to 25.4p (21p).

MCI offers to sell Internet business

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MCI, the US telecoms company, has offered to sell its remaining Internet businesses in order to win regulatory approval for its $40 billion (£24 billion) merger with WorldCom. The sale would appease the US Justice Department but the European Commission is likely to hold out for more disposals.

Cable & Wireless is the most likely purchaser. C&W bought a first tranche of the MCI business for $625 million earlier this month. A C&W spokesman said: "We are in talks with MCI."

The assets include MCI's corporate accounts and retail Internet subsidiaries. C&W claimed it had a right of first refusal to buy the businesses as part of an earlier agreement but a Washington court struck down the company's demands on Friday.

The C&W spokesman said: "MCI should not be offering these assets to anyone else."

Talks between MCI and C&W have resumed since the court case. C&W said that involving the courts in the discussions had not damaged its negotiating position.

Keith Mallinson, managing director of Yankee Group, a telecoms consultant, said: "The issue is whether MCI's entire Internet business goes up for auction, or whether it goes at a price that suits Cable & Wireless."

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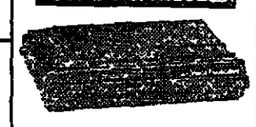
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Modest gains at the close

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	505	Allied Domecq†	583	-8	4.2	14.2
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	355½	-1	5.2	11.0
42½	18½	Burn Stewart	20	..	10.6	..
775	432	Diageo▼	689½	+5½	2.6	30.1
900	755	Glenmorangie A	885	..	2.0	20.4
925	258	Highland Dist	304	..	3.7	14.1
215	160	Matthew Clark	200	-1	12.5	6.5
59½	37½	Merrydown W	47½	-1	8.2	..
2021½	1353½	SA Breweries‡	1353½	..	2.8	..

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609¾	1178¾	ABN-AMRO	1421¾	+40¾	2.2	20.8
1345	980	Abbey Nat	1000	..	3.8	15.3
1032	585	Alliance & Leic	774	-10	3.4	15.6
854	587½	Allied Irish	798	-4½	2.3	22.4
458¼	373¼	Aus New Z	373¼	-3½	5.5	..
5418¾	3881¼	Bank America	5162½	-9¾	..	..
813	431	Bank Scotland†	674	+6	1.8	18.0
1696	1068	Barclays	1677	-8	2.8	15.8
1309	918½	Bk of Ireland	1127½	+4	2.2	..
£102¾	6798¾	Citicorp	8909¾	-150	..	..
1690¾	1565¾	Commerzbk	1834¾	..	3.2	..
543¾	280¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y†	306¼	-3½	1.2	72.1
5368¾	3658¾	Deutsche Bk	5193¾	..	1.2	..
1206¼	1153½	Espirito Santo†	1178¼	-16¼	3.3	..
531	228½	Fuji Bank Y†	228½	-½	1.6	49.5
2073	1204	HSBC	1436	+36	4.4	11.5
2802	937	HSBC HK	1365	+35	4.6	10.8
1000	700½	Halifax	801	+4	2.7	23.2
842½	642½	Irish Perm	707½	..	2.3	20.5
1090	688	Lloyds TSB	860½	-6½	2.6	22.6
918½	759	Nat Aust Bk	786	-1½	4.5	..
1241	751	Nat West	1067	-5	3.8	22.7
873	518	Northern Rock	557	-8	2.4	21.0
1140	585	Ryl Bk Scot†	1067	-10	2.6	19.8
1050	526	Stand Chart	654	+9½	3.5	10.6
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾	..	1.9	..
438	337½	Westpac	339	+1½	3.8	..
400	308	Woolwich	323½	+1½	3.7	16.6

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1195	873	Bass▼	1086	+18	3.3	18.7
81½	50½	Brit Bar Bier	80	+½	3.0	23.9
197½	144½	Burtonwd Brw	180½	-2½	4.8	15.9
162½	110	City Centre Rest	158½	-1½	2.2	24.8
638½	298½	Compass Gp	620	+3	1.0	40.6
342½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'	332½	-6	2.4	16.1
384½	251½	Enterprise Inns†	371½	+½	2.6	21.3
547½	425	Fuller Sm 'A'	542½	..	2.7	..
538	400	Greenalls Grp†	527½	-½	4.1	12.5
760	676½	Greene King	741	-1½	2.9	15.2
358	260	Groupe Chez Ger	354	..	1.2	24.5
281½	214½	Hardy Hanson	270	-1	5.3	11.8
2175	1825	Holt JT	2050	..	4.1	9.9
76	62	Ind Business	71½	-½	3.3	10.8
317	279	Mansfield	315	..	3.2	..
360½	254½	Mistor Tmp	328½	..	3.2	11.6
472½	402½	Morland†	452½	..	3.7	12.0
384½	287½	Old Eng Pub▼	346½	+11½	1.1	24.5
35	21½	Paramount	32½	-2½	..	..
950	678½	PizzaExpress	937½	..	0.5	42.3
377½	297½	Ramsdens (H)	342½	..	1.8	31.9
388½	302½	Regent Inns	356½	-6	1.3	25.5
237½	140½	SFI	225½	+2	0.4	39.3
950	717	Scot & New	850	+14	3.2	17.0
382½	197½	Stag & Lettuce	301½	+8	2.6	39.5
358	227	Vaux Group†	315	-1	4.5	13.0
342	273½	Wetherspoon JD	315	..	0.8	33.9
1145	850	Whitbread†	1015	+15	3.2	18.2
568½	469	Wolvrhmptn D†	541	-1½	4.5	11.6
556½	381	Yates Bros	525½	-4½	0.8	32.3
742½	637½	Young 'A'†	740	+6½	2.7	..

BUILDING MATERIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
78½	49½	Aggregate Indst	71½	-½	3.1	24.7
267	198	Anglian Group	266	-1	4.8	..
447	290	BPB	413	+11	3.0	18.9
118½	88½	Baggeridge Brk	109½	-8	4.4	11.1
62½	44½	Blockleys†	47½	..	1.2	54.2
407	271½	Blue Circle†	372½	-4½	3.9	14.1
135	98½	Bradon PLC	130	+1	5.6	15.7
192½	125½	Br Dredging†	189	..	4.3	20.5
945	705	CRH	893½	-4½	1.2	23.3
62½	47½	Calderbrd Rby	62½	..	7.5	5.3
155½	107½	Cape	153½	-2	5.3	13.2
215½	158½	Caradon	190	-1½	5.4	13.2
116½	100½	Caradon cv	109	-½	8.3	..
130½	60½	Chiltoe Gp	64½	-1	8.3	4.7
219	212½	Dyson (J&J)	212½	..	3.4	12.7
120	97	Dyson 'A'	97	..	7.4	5.8
80½	43½	Erestone	53	..	..	..
187½	147	Epwell†	161	+2½	7.6	8.9
131½	101½	Gibbs & Dandy	129	..	3.9	11.9
210	154	Graham Grp	183	..	4.1	18.2
282½	227½	Halstead (J)	230	..	5.4	15.4
405	245	Hanson	370	+1	4.1	12.8
265	179	Hepworth†	241½	-4	4.7	..
178½	120½	Hewden	172½	+2½	4.6	11.4
284½	282½	Heywd Wlm	276½	-5	6.2	10.5
56	43	Ibstock	61	+2	4.5	15.2
365	259	Johnston†	317½	..	4.7	17.1
107½	84½	Lilleshall	101½	..	8.2	10.0
129½	82½	Marley	116½	-3½	5.3	10.0
162½	120	Marshalls†	156½	+½	4.3	17.3
445½	328½	Meyer Int	397½	-1½	4.2	..
77½	64½	Norcros	69½	-1	3.4	15.3
149½	103½	Pilkington	123	-½	4.2	..
196	158½	Polypipe	162	-1½	2.7	12.1
24	14½	Quiggin	18½	..	..	..
1460	740½	RMC	1173	+4	3.0	16.2
117½	78½	Raeburn	105½	..	5.8	12.0
143	111½	Rugby Group†	129½	-2½	3.9	18.6
98½	73½	Russell (A)	98½	..	3.8	14.9
276	195½	SIG	241½	-3½	4.0	12.2
3½	1½	SWP	2½	..	..	..
237½	230½	Sharpe & Fisher	238½	-2	3.4	14.2
25	14½	Spring Ram†	16	-½	0.8	..
319½	144½	Streamline Hldgs	314	-1	3.7	17.9
133¼	93	Tarmac†	118½	-3½	8.0	14.2
125	83	Tilbury†	111	..	6.9	11.0
828½	457	Travis Perkins	558	-4½	2.5	17.2
107½	60½	Tudor†	86½	-3½	4.3	11.2
372	180½	Ultraframe†	362½	..	1.2	30.6
570	398	Wolseley†	400	-3	3.8	12.9

CHEMICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
191½	134½	Albright & Wil	177½	-4	4.0	17.6
142½	105½	Amber Ind	133½	-4	5.4	10.6
118	90½	Amberley Gp	109½	..	2.1	..
100	72	Athlone Ex	82½	..	11.2	12.4
2912½	2008½	BASF DM	2687½	..	2.6	..
1109	846	BOC†	853	-12½	4.1	15.6
555	331½	BTP†	540	-2	2.8	24.3
3084½	2137½	Bayer DM50	2868½	+34½	2.0	..
126	94½	Brent Chems	108	..	3.5	12.2
342½	210½	Br Vita	301½	-3½	3.6	15.2
187½	128½	Brunner Mond	185½	..	5.9	10.2
296	252½	Canning (W)†	289½	..	4.3	12.7
229½	155	Cay Technology	203	-1	2.3	40.4
474	294	Courtaulds	445½	+1	3.7	29.4
469	351½	Croda†	423½	-7½	2.4	20.4
284½	203½	Doeflex	268½	-2½	4.0	11.5
178	116	Elementis	165½	-1½	..	26.2
313½	260½	Ellis & Everard	300½	-4½	4.2	12.9
79½	53½	Euro Colour	71½	..	4.5	..
245½	138½	Gibbon	245	..	4.3	..
94½	64½	Hickson†	84	-1½	1.2	14.6
3062½	2096½	Hoechst	2866½	..	1.9	..
1244	738½	ICI	1033	-11	3.1	41.0
321½	189	Inspec	289	-6	2.9	13.0
193½	137½	Kalon	141½	-1½	5.5	21.0
890½	605	Laporte	816½	-5½	3.2	16.5
75	47	Meristem	65	-1	4.8	6.2
35	27	Metrotect	33½	..	3.9	8.5
380	310	Porvair	312½	..	2.5	17.4
231	181½	Scapa	205	-2½	3.6	11.1
26½	16½	Scientific Speakr†	23	..	6.5	..
1761¾	1450¾	Takeda Chem†	1462¼	+12½	8.6	19.6
248	208	Victrex	208	-21	3.0	16.4
685	595	Wardstrm R	627½	..	5.4	10.0
240	190	Yorks Grp	222½	-2½	5.4	14.1
440	282½	Yule Catto†	386½	+1	3.1	16.3

CONSTRUCTION

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58½	19½	AAF Inds	45	..	..	..
375	230	Abbey	375	..	2.2	28.2
488	332½	Allen	470½	-7	2.4	23.2
217½	114	Amec†	212	-1½	2.9	20.9
875	400	Amey	852½	+2½	1.6	27.4
260	143	Andrews Sykes	208	-11	1.8	20.9
286½	180	Ashtead	246½	-6	1.2	30.7
48½	38½	Avonside	41½	-1½	4.5	7.9
46	28½	Bardl	40½	-½	4.4	18.9
73	48½	Barcom	70	..	2.7	17.3
341	224	Barratt Dev	321½	-7	3.6	14.1
235	181½	Beazer	212½	-6	4.0	12.0
401½	320½	Bellway†	362½	-6	3.3	12.1
29½	18½	Bellwinch	29½	..	..	10.1
85½	45½	Ben Bailey	72½	..	3.8	8.4
784½	582½	Berkeley Gp	717	-6½	1.7	12.8
170	146	Bett Bros	161	..	5.4	4.4
315	255	Boot (Henry)	259	..	4.2	8.5
276½	192½	Bovis Homes	255	-2	4.6	11.2
169½	105	Brandon Hire	163½	-2	2.5	20.0
42½	30½	Britannia Gp	38½	..	4.5	15.5
155½	108	Bryant	131	+½	4.8	12.1
129½	102½	CALA	126½	..	3.9	7.8
4	3	Campbell & Armst	3	..	..	..
141½	83½	Clarke T	136½	-5	5.6	9.4
42½	20	Costain	38½	..	..	..
125½	97½	Countryside	112	-1	3.7	8.7
145½	94½	Crest Nicholson	134	-2	3.5	11.4
122½	85½	Cussins	117½	..	4.8	9.1
280	160	Eve Group	268	-9½	2.5	19.8
23½	19½	Galliford	22½	..	5.8	13.0
1100	1010	Gleeson (MJ)†	1012½	..	1.8	14.8
175	98	Havelock Europ	129	-1	4.8	8.7
212	152	Hewden-Stuart†	200	-5½	2.2	24.0
28	20	Howard Hldgs	23	..	5.4	22.8
798	369½	Jarvis	698½	-18	1.2	35.8
252½	181	Keller	245	-½	2.6	..
247½	198½	Kier	247½	..	3.6	12.4
392½	309½	Laing (J)†	391½	+6½	3.3	21.0
130½	117½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	126½	..	6.2	..
14½	8½	Lovell (YJ)	13½	..	..	..
212½	155½	Maunders (J)	209½	-3	3.8	12.1
181½	133½	McAlpine (A)	165½	..	5.7	9.8
191½	113½	McCarthy & St	187½	..	2.2	43.7
142½	70	Mcinerney	132½	..	0.9	15.1
246½	171½	Morgan Sindall	242½	-2½	2.7	14.8
397½	301	Morrison Const	380	-2½	1.9	..
150	77½	Mowlem (J)†	149	-1	3.4	13.6
259½	182½	Persimmon	238	-9½	5.3	11.2
109½	80½	Peterhouse†	99½	..	4.6	6.9
128½	112	Pochins	128½	..	2.7	14.2
158½	116	Prowting†	152½	-1	3.8	9.6
198	142½	Redrow	173	-2	2.7	12.8
325	224½	Spenden	317½	..	1.5	18.3
94½	71½	Swan Hill	78½	..	4.4	14.2
142½	114	Tay Homes	122½	-2	7.8	9.9
238	174	Taylor Woodrw†	219	-½	2.1	16.6
306	198	Tilbury Douglst	268½	-3	4.0	16.5
29½	21½	Try Group	26½	..	2.8	9.8
82½	63½	Vibroplant	82½	..	8.3	29.3
139½	109½	Walker Homes	126½	-4	5.3	..
60	38½	Ward Hldgs	52½	-3	6.2	7.4
272½	228½	Westbury†	264½	-½	3.5	11.3
18	12½	Wiggins	14½	..	..	21.2
191	139½	Wilson (C)	155½	-8½	4.4	..
733	511	Wilson Bowden	731	-2	2.1	15.0
143½	92½	Wimpey G	133½	-2½	5.3	11.1

DISTRIBUTORS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
257½	182½	Acton Cp Spls	231	..	1.4	20.9
355	297½	Adam & Harvey	307½	-3½	9.2	4.6
24½	9½	Alexanders	20½	-½	..	..
2	1	Ass Br Eng	1½	..	..	68.6
457	350	BSS Group†	355	..	7.7	..
20½	12½	Beaming Power	19½	+1	..	..
34½	34½	Bogod 'A'	34½	..	3.3	5.5
735	560	Brammer†	705½	-5	3.0	15.8
16½	10½	Bridgend Grp†	18	..	1.6	25.5
113½	79	Brit Fittings	93½	-11½	6.4	7.7
372½	345	Caltyes	352½	+2½	5.1	..
206	84½	Car Group†	95	-1	6.4	10.8
175½	134½	Cinematic	157½	-9	3.2	10.0
54½	31½	Cook (DC)	49	-2	6.2	7.0
139½	86½	Dagl Motors	132½	-4	8.3	7.1
125½	105½	Dennams (E)	119½	+10	3.2	7.8
276	210	Diploma	251	-3	7.2	10.5
601	450	Electrocomponent	540	-21½	2.1	28.6
166	143½	Eurodis Elec	165	..	4.0	28.4
122	84½	European Mtr	107½	-2½	7.3	7.9
305	250½	Evans Halshaw	283½	-8	7.5	9.1
70½	39½	Fife Indmar	64½	..	7.2	7.3
400½	356	Finelco Grp	356½	-2	2.9	14.2
28	21½	Gardiner	28	..	4.5	11.9
82½	60½	Glencheshon	66	-1	3.8	9.4
135½	89½	Gowrings	127½	..	3.4	12.1
20½	13	HR Owen	17	-1½	5.9	11.1
405	340	Headlam†	383½	-9	2.3	19.8
180	135	Holders Tech	135	..	6.2	8.4
120	60½	ISA Int	82½	+1	8.6	6.1
250	136½	Jacksgape	206	..	5.8	24.7
180	57½	Jacks (Wmt)	65	+1½	6.7	6.1
583½	351½	Kwik-Fit	536½	+3	1.5	24.1
614	422½	Lex Service	528½	-6	4.1	13.4
123	100	Lookers	104½	-6½	10.1	6.6
517	351	Meyrnes Lfhn	517	+1	3.3	16.7
5½	2½	Middlesex	2½	-½	5.0	6.1
19½	14½	Mistlewest	16	+1	3.8	..
326½	242	Normans	275	-12	4.0	11.1
262½	197½	Northamber	223½	-4	1.7	14.8
342	279½	Parlco	279½	-4	3.9	13.4
312½	238½	Pendragon	240	-3½	5.6	11.3
255	167½	Perry Grp†	208	-12½	5.7	8.1
443	272	Premier Farnell†	313½	-51½	5.1	12.4
164½	119½	Quicks Group	137½	-10	7.0	9.4
285	140	REA	175	..	2.3	29.4
3	1½	Reece	2½	+¼	..	..
38½	30½	Ring	35½	-½	..	..
12½	4½	Ronson	5½	-½	..	..
5¼	3½	Ross Gp	4½	-½	..	70.1
112½	97½	Ryland	100	..	5.5	7.6
31½	25½	SEP Intl	30½	..	5.5	14.0
30	18½	Saltora	19	..	..	..
290	211½	Sanderson Bram	274½	-7	2.5	10.0
67½	48	Sedgemoor†	50½	-½	4.9	..
273½	226½	Symer	261½	-6	3.3	12.2
195½	142½	Time Products	143½	-1	11.5	7.5
235	132½	Trust Motor Grp†	230	..	1.4	4.0
440	390	UMECO	422	..	2.1	19.2
124	88½	United Gas Gp	103½	-3½	1.4	23.8
299½	244½	Vardy (Reg)	265	..	4.0	..
800	655	WF Elect	765	..	2.6	23.6
192½	140	Wyko	160	-3½	2.5	15.1
185½	135	Young (H)†	161½	-3½	3.6	10.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	285	Antofagasta▼	289	-2	2.5	21.4
385	229	Ascot Hldgs	329	-16	4.4	9.9
642	455	Broken Hill	455	-15½	4.0	13.8
697½	456½	BAT†	557	+½	5.1	14.1
43½	28	Brierley Inv	28½	-½	9.9	7.8
279½	167	Cookson	222½	-1	4.1	12.9
277½	217½	Cosalt†	250½	-1	5.8	8.4
613	410	DCC†	565	-2½	1.7	17.9
383	302	Galliher	323	+1	7.4	9.2
450½	235	Hatch Whamp	248	+13	5.2	..
474½	383½	Imperial Tob†	440	-1	6.2	10.6
335½	164½	Jardine Math†	164½	-7½	9.3	7.7
94½	71½	Lonrho Afrca	80	-7	3.6	19.8
623½	474½	Powell Duffryn	545	..	5.9	13.2
147	101	Staveley	114	-1½	10.5	26.6
368½	174½	Swire Pacific	202½	+19½	6.9	6.3
383	241½	TT Group	322½	-6	3.4	12.3
384½	280	Tomkins	344	+9½	3.5	14.6
250	207½	Unitarm	242½	-2½	6.7	12.3
570	415	Wardle Storeys†	522½	-12½	5.0	15.2
381½	301½	Wassall	305	-4½	2.6	14.0
135½	78½	Whitecroft	90½	..	6.4	14.7

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615½	318	Br Energy†	600	+3	3.1	22.6
889½	600	Energy Group	855	-9	3.1	17.2
460	298½	National Grid▼	378½	+½	4.0	19.0
700	518½	National Power†	566½	-14½	6.0	11.8
900	725	PowerGen†	799	+3½	4.5	12.5
597½	502½	Hydro-Elect	554	-6½	4.5	12.0
593	475	Scottish Power†	538	-5	4.7	13.0
580	467	Southern Elec	530	-4½	5.8	13.0
615	522	Viridian	595½	-2½	5.0	13.1

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1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
990	715	ARM Holdings	825	-35	..	..
410	304½	Acal†	402½	+22½	3.4	..
1257½	880	Admiral	1200	-20	0.3	..
58½	27½	Amstrad	46½	..	1.3	..
35	26	Ariant	29½	-2½	5.5	9.7
129½	87	Astec	87	-2	2.2	9.3
72	43½	Azlan	63	-½	..	..
182½	127½	BICC†	147	-1½	6.8	..
93½	51½	Beales Hunter	82½	..	15.5	8.0
437½	280	Bkek	430	..	4.3	13.9
604½	345½	Bowthorpe†	559	-12½	2.5	21.3
18	12	Belgin At	16½	..	9.5	8.6
205½	150½	CML Micro	174½	-3	5.2	..
27½	10	Channel Hldgs	14	..	10.3	4.4
51	38½	Chloride	47	-1	1.8	11.3
109½	64½	Claybeck	107	..	4.2	11.8
912½	722½	Critchley†	905	..	2.0	..
342½	213½	Delta†	286½	-3	5.4	11.6
451	382	Domino	444	-1	3.4	15.6
77½	51	Dowding Mills	63½	-1½	8.3	12.0
290	240	Dwek	285	..	0.8	31.9
1250	825	Electrolux 'B'	1053½	-50	9.8	27.9
28	17	Emess	22½	..	2.7	19.6
1862½	1085½	Ericsson 'B'	1590½	-12½	0.8	34.4
491½	311	Eurotherm	425	-7½	2.9	18.7
590	395½	Fenny Group	395½	-8½	3.0	11.4
587½	403½	Filtronic	421	..	0.5	29.1
18½	7½	Forward Tech	14½	..	..	..
550	338	GEC	465	-5	3.4	22.8
49½	35½	Ind Control	46	-½	1.4	..
22	15	Intelek	17	..	7.2	..
76½	54½	LPA	76½	+2½	3.7	28.2
1004½	445	Mitel	772	-49½	..	..
180½	117½	Network Tech†	155	..	1.0	17.5
372	255	Oxford Inst	347½	-6	3.0	..
111	23½	Pace Micro	77	-½	3.2	..
8271½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	5150	+78½	0.9	23.4
88½	38½	Plasmon	75	-2½	..	..
355	272½	Pressac	302½	..	1.8	22.1
68½	27	Prestwick†	31	-1	4.4	8.7
462½	207	Psion	207½	-4	1.5	30.1
408½	243½	Racal Elect	375	-6½	2.0	70.6
97½	51½	Radamec†	88½	..	4.4	19.5
505	335	Renishaw	454	-3½	2.5	26.6
1½	1½	Rodime	1½	..	..	..
292½	191½	Roxboro	272½	-5	3.3	14.1
361½	202½	SDX Bus Sys	316	-2½	1.0	31.1
377½	244	Senomec	260	-12½	4.6	12.8
59½	36½	Silvermines†	53½	..	3.4	12.1
5012½	4128½	TDK†	4471½	-71½	0.6	..
72½	58½	TEI	60	+½	7.4	8.3
125	88½	TLG†	114	..	4.0	..
62	7	Tadpole Tech	17½	+2	..	..
67½	36½	Telemetrix†	57½	-4	3.5	13.9
365	230	Tetspec	313½	-5½	..	38.4
158½	122½	Thorpe FW	144½	..	4.0	7.9
159½	70½	Total Systems	136½	..	1.3	39.5
160	100	Tunstall†	158	..	4.1	21.0
18	7	Ultima Networks	11½	-½	9.7	..
111	66½	Verity	98½	+½	0.1	..
195½	84½	Vero	188½	..	3.8	16.8
40½	24	Vigilon Technology	25	..	2.0	..
652	460	Volex	651	+5	4.4	..

ENGINEERING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312½	217½	AIM	292½	-7½	3.2	13.8
44	28½	ASW	29½	..	..	..
256	145	Alumasc	211½	-2½	5.0	9.6
214	129½	Alvis†	202½	-7½	2.1	14.3
178½	159½	Ash & Lacy	169½	+½	5.7	8.0
125	70	Ayrshire Metal	70	..	9.8	4.5
535½	345½	BBA	453	-9½	1.8	18.5
230½	154½	BTR▼	177	+1½	5.4	11.6
97½	68½	BWI	86½	..	4.6	9.8
92½	81	Babcock	81½	-2	2.2	..
13	6½	Bailey (CH)	10½	..	3.0	..
110½	77	Baynes (Charles)	99	-1	4.0	14.0
27½	9	Beauford†	8	-1	11.1	4.7
261½	181½	Bensford†	241	+2	3.2	10.9
109	84	Bersid Cv Un Ln	102	+½	4.9	..
1285	867½	Boxycote†	1120	-38½	1.1	25.7
44½	35½	Boots Inds	40	-1	..	..
20½	15½	Brasway	15½	-½	7.1	7.1
141	112½	Bridport	112½	..	5.3	12.6
587	381½	Br Aerospace	489	-7	1.3	20.4
172	122½	Br Steel	140½	+1½	9.4	11.3
159½	128½	Brooke Indl†	130	-1	5.0	6.8
16½	9½	Brunel	10	-½	6.2	4.6
107½	92½	Bullough	105½	-1	6.9	10.9
36	25½	Cardo	32	-1½	4.3	62.6
217½	150	Carclo Eng	182½	..	7.4	10.9
233½	181½	Castings	217½	..	3.4	..
272½	190	Chamberlin Hill	222½	..	5.2	..
780	570	Charter	693½	+7½	4.5	22.6
175½	110½	Chemring	171½	..	2.2	..
275	142½	Clyde Blowers†	142½	..	6.1	22.6
1247½	732½	Cobham†	1140	-5	1.5	29.8
430	340	Cohen (A)	340	..	..	..
166	105½	Concentric†	142	..	6.5	25.8
268½	184½	David Brown†	232½	..	4.9	13.8
511	262½	EIS	504	-2	3.5	17.6
32½	16	Elecco	27½	-1	..	11.2
50	27	Energy Tech†	47½	..	3.9	..
161½	124½	Expamet	155½	-2	3.1	15.0
228½	147½	FKI	183	+6	4.0	11.6
216	167½	Fenner	178½	-1½	3.1	13.5
3	1½	Fenser	2½	..	..	..
40	28	Firth Hldgs	31	-½	1.0	23.3
182	126½	Firth Rixson	165½	-7	3.5	18.7
45½	17½	Flare	24½	..	2.1	2.2
118	91½	GEI Intl	111	-1	4.5	..
208½	148½	Garton Engl	204	..	4.9	7.2
331½	216½	Glynwed	261	-1½	6.3	10.5
159½	92½	Haden MacLlm	147½	..	2.6	15.2
255	185	Hadleigh	240	..	4.0	..
257	160	Hall Eng	171½	-4½	6.1	6.9
140½	98½	Halma	119	+1½	2.6	16.1
83½	64½	Hampson Ind	78	..	4.0	15.9
65½	32½	Hay (Norman)†	62½	..	2.0	17.8
63½	40½	Headway	55	..	3.6	7.4
71½	42½	Hill & Smith	64	-1	8.5	15.3
115	65½	How Grp	116	..	3.0	16.4
273	210½	Hunting†	266½	..	3.8	14.2
332	378	IMI	438	-10½	3.2	14.3
652	467½	Johnson Matth	569½	-3½	3.8	12.5
28½	22½	Jones Shipman	22½	..	8.2	9.3
435	385	Kelsey Indt	395	-5	3.2	6.3
418	289½	Lintoff	380	..	3.6	12.0
32½	23½	Locker (T)†	25½	..	4.8	..
18½	16½	MS Int	19½	..	3.8	..
508½	409½	Mang Bronze	498½	..	2.5	20.6
560½	377½	Mckechnie†	505	-1½	4.3	13.3
179½	155½	McLeod Russel	175	..	6.2	12.1
242½	154½	Meggitt	208	-1	2.8	22.4
115	82	Melrox	102	-3½	5.1	13.9
14½	11½	MetalTech	14	..	..	7.8
255½	142½	Metsec†	255½	..	2.4	14.2
357½	237½	Molins	242½	..	7.7	..
501½	392½	Morgan Crucbl	420½	-3	4.6	13.4
57½	49½	Polyhedron	50½	..	9.3	7.1
888½	45	Powerscreen	89½	-22	13.2	2.6
230½	155½	Quadramatic†	213½	..	6.1	11.2
50	20½	Quadrant Grp	34½	..	..	..
60	50	Ransom Metal	55	..	..	..
280½	225½	Renold†	255½	..	3.5	..
87½	73	Ricardo West	83½	..	6.7	7.4
399	188	Rolls-Royce†	258	+3	4.6	19.6
387	269	Rotork	375	..	3.1	25.0
246½	140	Rubicon	221½	..	3.5	16.8
1425	1137½	SKF 'B'	1137½	-43½	3.5	11.0
248	139½	Senior Eng	221	-1	1.9	20.4
612½	461½	Sprat-Rho	490	..	2.6	15.2
1580	975	Siebe	1212	-8	1.3	19.9
148½	114½	Sir Howden	134	..	5.3	..
1020	702	Smiths Ind	848	+28	2.7	18.8
18½	9	Soreat	9½	..	3.6	..
706	542½	Spirax-Sarco	607	-3	3.1	15.8
326½	252½	Sterling Ind	324	+1	4.3	..
650	424	TI	519	-3	3.1	16.2
116½	89½	Tinsley (E)	110½	-4½	7.5	..
87½	64½	TransTec†	73	..	4.6	10.4
425	347½	Ultra Elect	416½	-4½	2.2	20.4
76½	55½	Utd Indst	62½	+3	5.2	9.0
252½	198	Vickers	232½	+1	3.9	14.4
11	7½	Villiers Grp	9	..	..	..
767	584	Vinci	747½	-11½	2.3	14.0
900	740	Vosper Thorny	857½	-1	4.3	12.3
402	280	Wagon Ind	381½	-2	3.8	17.4
314½	222½	Weir	236	-½	4.8	10.9
185½	137½	Wellington Hdg	182½	-3	5.7	12.3
89½	55	Wescol	67½	-2½	3.0	14.9
915	750	Whatman	915	+5	2.1	24.0
60	42½	Widney	56	..	8.0	6.1

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	123	Adwest	148½	..	5.3	11.6
223	158	Airflow Streaml	185	+1	5.4	..
707	617	Avon Rubber†	675	-5	3.2	13.4
345	300	Bostrom	301½	-1½	3.0	10.8
193½	114½	Britax	181	-4½	2.2	20.1
395½	251½	Dennis	372½	-1	3.3	15.6
413½	277½	First Tech	412½	..	1.2	28.9
830	526½	GKN	787½	+6½	1.9	30.1
4671½	3418½	General Mtr	4153½	-58½	2.9	..
607	414½	Henlys	572	..	3.6	14.5
2326½	1991½	Honda Motor†	2052	+4½	0.4	..
480	384½	Laird	403½	+½	3.5	10.7
288	194	LucasVarity†	255	+8	2.2	14.7
244½	158½	Mayflower	215	-½	1.6	21.0
136	85½	Syltone	112	-8	7.3	9.3
261	252½	T & N	259	..	4.4	15.0
31½	22½	Tod	24½	..	..	..
51½	36½	Wilshaw	47½	-2	2.2	12.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	526	AB Food	566	+5½	2.2	17.6
270	215	Acatos & Hutch	237	..	5.5	25.0
37	24½	Albert Fisher†	24½	+½	17.0	9.6
205	182½	Banks (S C)	193	..	7.4	7.0
507	417	Barr (AG)	506	..	4.2	..
45	34	Bensons Crsp	41½	-1	4.7	8.9
360	209	Booker†	246	-4	12.2	10.9
1077½	571½	Brake Bros†	995	-7½	1.4	27.2
122	85	CPL Aromat	121	..	5.0	10.3
995	600	Cadbury-Schwt	895	+12	2.0	24.1
262	135	Carrs Milling	135	..	10.6	6.6
345½	234½	Cranswick	337½	-1½	4.4	..
371	253	Dairy Crest Group†	352½	-4	3.9	13.7
416½	273½	Dalgety	410½	-½	2.9	..
67	37½	Daniels St	53½	-1½	1.2	17.6
545½	375	Devro	533½	+3	2.2	22.7
188½	149½	Express Dairies	171	-1	6.0	12.9
142½	99	Finlay (James)†	126½	-1½	3.3	13.7
611	404	Geest†	576	-5	2.2	23.1
15½	8½	Global	10½	-½	8.3	13.4
380	285	Greencore†	305	-3	2.9	16.8
237½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	227½	-5	4.1	16.5
214½	142	Hillsdown†	169	-3	7.0	10.6
415	332	Linton Park†	412½	..	6.7	7.2
113½	86	Matthews (B)	112½	..	4.8	17.2
227½	205½	Nichols (V)	215½	..	4.6	11.3
240	182	Nilho Foods	215½	+½	3.8	19.5
20	14½	Nilmbm Fa	15½	..	2.3	..
127½	89½	Paramount Foods	124½	-½	5.2	14.3
57	28½	Pascoe's	39½	-½	..	..
149½	82½	Perkins Food	148	-½	3.9	19.1
88	69½	Plant & Gen	81½	-1	..	..
82	60	Sentry Farm	67½	..	5.6	..
35½	19½	Sims Food	33½	..	..	..
583	440½	Tate & Lyle†	502	+7	3.4	11.3
167	111½	Tesell	148½	+1½	5.2	11.4
738½	591½	Unigate	678	+2½	4.1	14.3
707	345½	Unilever†	680	..	1.5	31.9
5053½	3500	Unilever (NV)	4903½	+40½	1.4	13.5
300	216½	Utd Biscuits†	253	-4½	5.3	18.0
62½	44½	WT Foods	60	..	3.1	23.0

HEALTHCARE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
524½	318½	Alnce UniChem†	515	..	2.4	22.8
167	135	Assoc Nursg	165	..	2.9	36.0
1003	693	Bespak	1003	+12	1.6	28.7
525	115	Biocomps Intl	132½	-1½	..	..
209½	144	Care UK†	208½	..	0.8	22.4
88½	28½	Celsis	44	-½	..	..
550½	388½	Community H	546½	..	2.7	19.9
34	26½	CrestaCare	33½	..	3.8	15.7
18½	7½	Enviromed	16	..	..	..
164½	122½	Ferraris Group	135½	-2	3.1	11.8
172½	144½	Gyrus	169½	..	..	..
233	141	Huntign Tect	219½	-½	1.8	25.7
138½	91½	Innovative Tech	95½	-1	..	..
85	68	Intercare Grp†	82	-½	5.2	45.4
593	495	Isotron	580	..	1.4	21.1
222	150	Lon Intl†	206½	-1½	1.5	..
360	180½	Nestor Hlth	347½	-5	1.4	31.3
332	335½	Nycomed Amsh	417½	+12½	1.1	23.9
5½	5½	Premier Health#	5½	..	..	..
11	6½	Regina	9½	..	..	..
508½	255½	Scholl	498½	-5	2.2	27.5
822½	501½	Seton Scholl†	781	-7½	1.6	..
810	507½	Shield Diag	517½	-7½	..	..
230	171½	Sinclair Mon	185	-2	0.1	66.3
194	150	Smith & Nephew	160	-2	3.9	14.8
24	1½	Tamans	2½	..	5.0	..
412½	295	West Hlthcare	310	-5	2.8	14.1

HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
177½	132½	Airsprung	156½	-1	6.1	..
220	165½	Alba	213	+½	3.9	..
85	55	Albion	75	..	5.6	8.6
166½	120½	Alexandra Wr	165½	+½	5.3	13.2
187½	124	Allied Textile	137½	-1	7.7	9.0
25½	13½	Amway	18½	+½	4.9	46.6
205	157	BLP Group	170	..	6.5	6.1
285½	206	Baird (Wm)	236½	-½	5.4	13.2
53½	48½	Belsom Btrsel	48½	..	1.9	..
149½	97½	Black Arrow	112½	-½	4.8	9.3
421½	381	Black (Peter)	384	-2½	2.1	17.9
94½	76	British Mohair	90	..	5.6	77.6
88½	46	Claremont Garments	46	-½	13.6	..
[illegible]	81½	Coats Viyella†	84½	-1½	5.6	30.5
182½	146	Cornwell Pkr 5p	151½	..	2.7	12.1
362½	286½	Courtaulds Text	301	-1	6.4	11.4
33½	22½	Creighton	23½	..	..	..
13½	6½	Dartynan	6½	..	14.4	..
68½	40	Dawson	52	-1	8.6	7.6
167½	126	Derby Group	147½	-1	3.9	10.9
267½	225½	Dewhirst†	239½	-½	2.8	14.5
27½	17	Dinkie Heel	22½	..	8.9	8.2
27	11½	Drummond Group	17½	..	3.6	..
130	104½	Eclipse Blinds	129½	+3	3.5	11.3
42	29	Ebdel	34½	..	4.3	7.2
137½	85	FII Group	87½	-7	5.7	8.7
34	24	Fasbel Trading	25	..	11.0	..
10½	3½	Foster (J)	5½	-½	..	..
44½	35½	French	35½	..	5.5	..
502½	341½	Gaskell†	431	-20	2.5	8.4
78½	60	Haggas (J)	70	..	8.0	13.6
11½	8½	Hartstone Group	11	..	5.5	29.3
257½	216½	Hickng Pentecost	227½	-4	4.7	..
4	2½	Hollis Group#	2½	..	..	..
18½	10½	Honeysuckle Grp#	14	..	..	..
102	62½	Horace Small	93½	-1½	..	..
405	260	IMP Intl	387½	..	1.6	17.3
25½	9½	Jacques Vert	11	..	..	..
52½	37½	Jerome Grp	43	..	9.3	15.4
330	265	Jones Stroud	285	-5	4.9	12.1
72½	47½	Jourdon (T)	67½	-½	2.8	..
134	80	Kenwood App	118½	..	..	..
345	300	Lambert Howarth	225	..	4.7	9.3
152	125	Lamont Hldgs†	128	..	12.5	9.0
123	72½	Leeds Group	76½	-2	11.8	5.4
17	8½	Leslie Wise	14½	..	12.9	6.3
16	12½	Lionheart	13½	-½	3.8	10.7
90	68	Lyles (S)†	80	..	3.9	8.1
210	173	McBride	178½	-2½	5.0	13.0
138	103½	Maybom	124½	+2½	8.0	8.8
650	550	Osborne & Little	635	-12½	4.8	..
4½	2½	PEX Group	3	..	3.4	..
126	49½	Parkland Group	50	..	10.5	..
475	435	Paterson Zch	460	..	4.8	10.2
425	375	Paterson Zch 'A'	411½	-1½	5.3	9.1
129	109½	Pentland Group†	114	+½	4.0	16.3
220	185	Pifco	213½	..	3.8	10.8
220	185	Pifco 'A' Vtg	200	..	4.1	10.2
60½	37½	Pittards	43½	..	10.1	9.6
44½	38	Readicut Intl†	41½	-½	7.8	..
1300	852	Reckitt Colmn†	1190	-4	2.0	22.0
620	430½	Relyon	606	-2½	3.0	19.5
36	17½	Richards	22½	..	11.1	..
225½	174½	Royal Doulton	223½	-1	5.6	24.1
32½	20½	SEET	31	..	..	..
45½	29	Sherwood Group	39	..	11.5	10.4
110½	89½	Shiloh†	96	..	5.5	11.6
285	260	Smallshaw	275	..	5.2	11.2
70½	52½	Sirdar	62½	-1½	11.1	7.9
53	32½	Stirling Group	48	..	6.8	..
16½	6	Stoddard	8	..	11.7	17.5
252½	127½	Stoves	127½	-10	5.9	8.3
272½	211½	Swallowfield	220	..	4.5	10.5
306½	155	Tomkinson†	170	..	8.5	8.6
142	134	Usher (F)	136½	..	5.1	7.0
80	60	Victoria†	72	..	6.1	6.7
150	117½	Vymura	142½	..	4.7	10.1
74	40	Walter Greenblt	71½	-1½	6.5	11.4
105½	80	Winford Wdgwd	90	-1	1.8	25.4
97½	58½	Watsam	83½	-2	7.5	7.1
195	195	Wood (Arthur)	195	..	4.5	12.9
140	69½	Yorklyde†	102	-½	6.1	16.1

INSURANCE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4240¾	3250	Am Gen	4021¼	-143¾	2.3	..
149½	108	Angerstein	149½	..	8.8	11.6
4043½	3309½	Aon Corpn	3866½	-59½	1.8	..
63½	44	Bradstock	45	-10	13.8	..
1364	1102½	Britannic	1187½	-10	3.5	8.0
1300	707	CGU	1105	+5	3.9	2.3
167	129	CLM Insce	163½	..	8.4	13.8
277½	262½	Charles Taylor	269½	..	1.1	30.7
535½	237	Cox Insce†	521½	-3½	1.0	29.4
555	495	Dom & Gen	545	..	2.3	20.0
159	112	Euclidian	136½	..	13.7	16.9
491½	303	FBD E	467½	..	3.0	17.8
495	325	GRE	362½	+10½	3.3	5.3
748½	441½	Hibernian E	658½	..	1.5	12.9
261	165	Hiscox†	357	-2½	1.6	31.4
397½	229	Independent	363½	+1	1.1	18.2
662½	342½	Irish Life	526	+6	2.5	15.4
193½	151½	Jardine Lyd Tn	179½	..	7.0	12.0
192½	107	Kiln Capital	192	..	1.9	64.7
120½	100½	Lambert Fen	116½	..	9.0	6.2
785	532	Legal & Gen	659	-22	2.4	16.5
2278½	1421½	Liberty Life	1421½	-46½	5.6	14.0
244	145	Lmd	219½	-2½	3.6	13.3
627½	489½	London & Man	517½	-6	6.0	21.3
5586½	4321½	Marsh McLn	5075	-46½	2.5	..
135	100	Masonard	134	..	16.4	..
87	78	New London Cap	84	..	8.9	12.3
558	395	Norwich Union†	432	-2½	3.4	17.1
155½	102½	Ockham	154½	..	3.6	17.0
110½	81½	Oncl	107	+4½	8.7	..
138	117	Pantheon Trust	136	..	3.6	28.0
1000	654	Prudential	752½	-1½	2.5	17.8
24½	17½	PWS	22	..	4.3	4.9
825	550	Royal & Sun All	624	-3½	3.7	16.6
383	167½	St James Place	359	-2½	0.5	42.2
169½	132	Sedgwick	135	-2½	5.2	12.0
29	22	Steel Burrill	23½	..	8.1	..
645	454½	Sun Life & Pr	555	-18	2.6	27.0
160	110	Syndicate Cap†	160	..	7.2	12.6
631	521½	Utd Assurance	598½	-5	4.4	14.1
260½	147½	Wellington†	256½	..	3.5	10.8
179½	128½	Willis Coroon†	154	-1½	5.5	13.0
16	11½	Windsor	14½	..	5.2	..
191½	146½	Wren	189	-1	8.7	15.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
678	490	3i†	662	-3	1.9	38.6
65	47½	Aberdeen Emg Ec	49½	..	..	..
137½	90½	Aberdeen High Inc	132	-1½	7.3	19.6
133	84	Aberdn New Dawn	88½	+½	2.3	36.0
257	206½	Aberforth Smlr	241	-2	3.7	35.9
159½	116	Aberforth Sm Wts	146½	-3	..	..
3086	2466	Alliance	2972	-5½	2.5	45.5
726½	584	Anglo & O'seas	688	-3½	1.9	62.0
74½	60	Asst Opps	60	-2	0.5	..
67	50½	Baillie Gifford SN	51½	..	..	..
299	239½	Bankers	270	+½	2.1	45.2
118	85½	Baring Em Eu	95½	-1½	..	..
613½	468½	Barings Tribes	602	-4	1.7	66.6
142½	114½	Br Assets†	130½	-4	4.7	24.4
122½	106	Br Empire Sec	117½	+½	1.1	63.6
61½	42½	Brazilinit	43½	-1½	..	..
375½	313	Brunner	356	-4½	2.3	65.9
110	74½	Cairngorm Dem	88½	..	1.3	..
1000	737½	Candover	882½	-7½	2.8	36.2
68½	53½	Central Euro Gwth	55	-½	..	..
523	364	Chart European	493	-5½	1.5	..
198	168	City Merch HY†	185½	-2½	6.2	15.2
281	230	City Of Lon	263½	-4½	3.1	36.4
77½	74½	Danae Inv Inc	75½	..	13.7	9.7
635	530	Derby Cap	608½	-2½	..	..
139½	127½	Derby Inc	135	..	18.1	4.2
242½	170½	Drs RCM Smlr	241	-1	1.3	..
220½	174½	Dunedin Inc G	210½	..	3.6	33.3
467	335½	Dunedin Smart	462	-3	2.8	39.2
228½	170	Dunedin Wwide	213	-2	1.2	..
60½	40	Edin Dragon	41	+½	..	..
29½	21	Edinburgh Inca	22	-½	..	..
519	413½	Edinburgh IT†	486	+1	2.9	33.6
105	81½	Edin Japan	82	..	..	..
530	424½	Edin UC Tst	515	+1	0.9	..
673	527	Electra Inv	661	-4	1.8	46.6
189½	157	Eng & Scot	175	-4	2.5	37.9
29½	23	Eql Cap	23	-1	..	..
605½	374	European Asset	556½	-10½	0.9	..
70½	40½	Fidity Asian Val	41	-½	..	..
398	277½	Fidity Euro Val	346	-5½	0.2	..
32½	25	Fidity Jap Val	26½	+½	..	..
177½	135½	Fidity Spec Val	168	-4	1.0	..
280	217½	Finsbury 'A'	278½	..	1.8	75.9
223	173	Finsbury Gwth†	211	-4	2.1	59.1
155½	120½	Five Arr Chile	120½	-2½	2.5	54.6
18½	1½	Five Arr Wts	1½	..	..	..
647½	513½	Fleming Amer	615½	+2	0.4	..
64	34½	Fleming Askn	35½	-1½	..	..
12½	5	Fleming Asian Wts	5½	-½	..	..
64½	30½	Fleming Chinese	31	-½	..	..
27½	10½	Fleming Ch Wts	11½	+½	..	..
507½	401½	Fleming Claver	468	-6½	1.8	64.9
699½	471	Fleming Conti	625	-8½	0.6	..
134	99	Fleming Em Mkt	100½	-2½	0.5	..
392½	271	Fleming Entp	377½	-6	1.8	56.2
411	307	Flem Grd Gth Ord	389½	-5½	0.9	..
162½	143½	Flem Grd Gth Pf	161½	..	10.0	..
132½	103	Fleming Inc Cap	123½	-1½	5.8	23.4
112½	106½	Fleming Ing Inct	107	..	11.6	9.0
350½	246½	Fleming Ind Cap	330½	-1½	..	..
50½	35½	Fleming Indian	36	-1½	..	..
12½	4½	Fleming In Wts	5	..	..	..
167½	121	Fleming Japan	122½	..	..	..
478	364½	Fleming Merc	452½	-7½	2.9	40.8
92	70½	Fleming Nat Res	70½	-3½	0.4	..
433½	350½	Fleming Overs	389½	-1	1.4	..
200½	148½	Fleming Smlr Co	198½	-½	2.8	57.7
506½	371½	Fleming US Discy	464½	-6½	0.3	..
210½	168	Foreign & Col	192½	-1½	1.5	67.4
124½	97	F&C Inc Gwth	114	-2½	4.0	29.4
107½	71½	F&C Eng Mkts	72½	-2	..	..
302½	185	F&C Enterprise	297	-2½	1.6	64.3
543	361½	F&C Eurotst	507	-4½	0.6	..
131	95	F&C Pacific	97	+½	2.4	50.6
182½	144½	F&C PEP†	175½	-2	3.2	38.3
226	177	F&C Smaller	224	-½	1.7	..
179½	144½	F&C US Smlr	162	+½	..	..
68½	60½	Framlin Inct	66½	-½	9.7	..
173½	109½	Framlin Cap	160½	-½	..	..
295	135½	Frami Dual Cp	266½	-1½	..	..
63½	38½	Fulcrum Cap	58½	+½	..	..
22½	13	Fulcrum Inct	13	..	64.6	1.2
195½	188	Fulcrum Zero	195	..	..	..
335	270½	Gartmore Brd	335	..	3.4	..
347½	242½	Gartmore Euro	327½	-1	0.5	..
158	110	Gartmore Smrr	153	-½	8.1	..
482½	345½	G more Smn Cos	472	-4	1.6	69.7
86½	52½	Geared Inc Ord	76½	-2½	7.3	..
60	51½	Geared Inc Inc	56½	..	9.5	..
108	101	Geared Inc 0 Pf	107½	-½	..	..
103	59	Gov Asn Sm Cos	62	..	1.1	..
92½	65	Gov Emg Mks	65½	-2½	0.7	..
215	151½	Govett Am Smlr	196½	-2½	..	..
97½	81½	Govett High Inc	91	..	7.7	15.7
108½	72	Govett Orental	74½	+½	1.2	..
499	379½	Govett Strategic	486	-1½	2.0	46.0
35½	19½	Gresham House†	30½	..	1.5	2.3
146½	119	GT Inc Growth†	148½	+1½	2.9	32.3
180½	130	GT Japan	131	..	0.4	..
156½	114½	Guin Fl Ex Inct	150	-1	6.9	..
76	61	Henderson Am Cp	71	..	..	..
122½	115½	Henderson Am In	121½	-½	8.2	13.2
43½	29	Henderson Am Wt	39½	-½	..	..
360	281½	Hend Elec Gen	345½	-5½	1.4	..
132½	84	Hend Far East	85	-2	10.0	12.1
580	452	Hend Gmlnar#	570	..	1.7	71.5
173	151½	Hend High Inct	169½	-½	5.0	23.1
42½	30½	Hend Jap Smlr	33	-½	..	..
300	219	Hend Smlr	295½	-3½	1.7	71.2
626½	495	Hend Strata	614	-4	0.1	..
68½	44	Hend TR Pac	44½	-½	0.7	64.3
120½	88½	Hend Tech	107	+1	..	..
203	135½	Herald	195	-3	0.5	..
130	105½	High Income Tt	127	-1	6.7	15.9
174½	140	H Govett Smrr	172½	..	2.7	44.9
196½	139½	IGS UK Smlry	191	-4	1.9	65.1
214½	180	Inv Cap	199	-3	3.7	30.0
97	63½	Inv Biotech	65½	-1½	..	..
20	2½	Inv Biotec Wts	4½	..	..	..
59½	34½	INVESCO Asn	35	-½	2.3	43.0
217½	175½	INVESCO Eng Inc	208	-3	0.8	..
36½	25½	INVESCO Jap Dc	27½	..	..	..
49½	25½	INVESCO Korea	26	-½	..	..
33½	22½	INVESCO Tokyo	22½	-½	..	..
107½	83½	JF Fledg Jap	88	-½	..	..
204½	135	J Fry Euro U	186½	-4	3.7	..
123½	65½	J Fry Util▼	119½	1½	5.9	14.2
91½	79½	J Fry Util Inct	89½	-1	7.8	64.9
150	121½	Jupiter Ex Inc	146	-½	6.7	18.5
43½	19½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	38½	..	..	..
105	91	Jupiter Grd Cap†	98	..	10.2	10.4
51½	44	Jupiter Grd Pfd	48	..	..	..
160½	135½	Jupiter Intl Grn	157½	-1	3.3	..
872½	518	Jupiter Prima	825	-2½	0.9	..
104	73½	Kiwi E Mkt	76½	-3	..	..
178½	164½	Kleinwort End	177½	-½	..	..
156	119	Klwrt H Inct	144	+½	8.7	14.6
201½	89	Korea—Euro	146½	-1½	0.8	66.6
132	97	Latin American	97½	-3½	..	..
1399	1077½	Law Debenture	1223½	-4	2.9	34.0
121½	111½	Lde Oil Opp	120	-½	..	..
161½	124½	Lloyds Sm Cap	158½	-1	..	..
22	16½	Lloyds Sm Div	19½	..	28.2	4.4
178	143	Lloyds Sm Pkg	177½	..	3.1	..
217½	173½	Lon St Lawrence	212	-2	3.8	32.9
428½	341½	Lowland	420	+1	3.5	36.0
812½	797½	M&G 2nd Dual Cp#	800	..	..	..
51½	50	M&G 2nd Dual Inc#	50	..	..	1.6
101	75½	M&G Inc Growth	98½	-½	7.7	17.7
78½	54	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	76	-1	..	..
26½	21½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	21½	-½	..	5.6
183½	150½	M&G Inc Package†	179½	-1	4.2	32.1
80½	77½	M&G Inc Zero Div	80½	..	..	..
70½	31	M&G Rec Cap	66	-1½	..	..
95½	53½	M&G Rec Geared†	92½	-½	8.0	..
28	21	M&G Rec Inct	22	-½	..	..
206	160	M&G Rec Pacgr	201½	-1	3.7	..
114½	108½	M&G Rec Zero Div	114½	..	..	..
226½	160½	M Curne Eq	215	-1	0.5	..
84½	60	M Curne Japan	60½	-½	..	..
125½	86	M Curne Pact	87½	-½	2.7	36.2
366½	292½	Majedie	359	-2	2.4	54.5
436½	356	Merchants	415½	-1½	4.3	37.9
178	132	Mercury Euro Pvt	164½	-1½	2.0	33.3
98	50½	Mercury Emr Wt	91½	-1	..	..
74½	57½	Mercury World	58½	-1½	1.7	64.3
830	677½	Monks Inv Tst	790	-8	1.5	..
209½	180	Morg Grnf Inct	187	+1½	4.7	26.2
106½	80½	Morg Wts	96	-3	..	..
82	62	Morg Lnm Amert	62½	-1	0.8	..
32½	18½	Morg Wts	18½	-½	..	..
142½	110½	Murray Entt	136½	-2½	2.8	46.8
29½	10	Murray Ent Wts	24	-2	..	..
71	49½	Murray Emg Eco	50	-1½	1.4	61.7
11½	4½	Murray Em Ec Wt	4½	-½	..	..
538	448	Murray Incmet	519½	-2	3.5	37.2
505	431½	Murray Intl	476	-2	3.7	31.5
213½	205½	Murray S/C DP	213	..	..	..
395	270	Murray S/C Cap	374	-1	..	..
64½	52½	Murray S/C Inct	53½	-½	28.7	4.3
5150	4350	Murray S/C Ulst	5050	..	3.0	40.2
434½	340	Murray Small	367½	-6½	2.0	47.3
416	379½	Murray Vent	406	-4½	4.8	..
289½	271½	Natwest Ent	286½	-2	2.2	44.2
5½	2½	Newmarket	2½	..	..	..
56½	33½	Pacific Asset	33½	-½	1.5	70.7
135½	83	Perpetual Euro	123	-1½	0.5	..
156½	125	Perp Inc Gth	135½	-1½	3.7	..
37	26½	Perpetual Jap	27	-½	..	..
424½	322½	Perpt Uk Sm Co	421½	-2½	2.1	53.8
£200½	£168	Personal Assets	£197½	..	1.6	55.5
159	130½	Prolific Inc	147	-3½	3.6	31.5
369½	270	RIT Cap Part	346½	-3	0.7	..
558½	516½	Robeco	540	..	2.0	..
566	524	Rolinco	547½	..	0.8	..
59½	33½	Schrd Asia Pac	34½	-½	1.8	..
73	51	Schrod Emg Cnt	51½	-1½	..	..
165½	142	Schrod Inc Gwth	156½	-1	2.8	28.1
61½	43	Schrod Jap Gwth	44½	..	..	..
282½	143½	Schrod Korea	143½	-1½	..	..
93½	43½	Schrod Split Cap	75½	-½	..	..
135	114½	Schrod Split Inct	127½	-1	8.4	15.3
160	154½	Schrod Split Zero	157½	..	..	..
179½	142	Schrod UK Gwth	162½	-2½	2.7	43.9
190½	165½	Schrod Vent Intl	183½	-3	1.2	..
385½	311	Scot	368	-2	2.2	58.2
233	183½	Scot American†	224½	-½	3.0	39.0
144½	91½	Scot Asian	94	-2	..	..
140½	110½	Scot Eastern	133½	-½	1.9	52.1
398½	316½	Scot Mtget	372	-6	1.8	61.9
105½	100½	Scot Natl Tst	103½	-½	11.7	10.9
153	119½	Scot Value†	144½	-1½	1.7	30.3
2755	2168½	Second Allnce	2565	..	2.5	49.9
133½	112½	Secs Tst of Scot†	122½	-1	4.0	30.1
207	149½	Shires Smlr†	204	-2	3.8	22.2
183½	133½	Smaller Cos	179½	-1½	2.3	64.3
399	353	St Andrew Inv	396	-1	3.2	38.8
607½	484	Temple Bar	587½	-4½	4.1	29.8
103½	82½	Throgmorton	98½	-1	3.0	43.5
128½	94	Tpleton Emg Mkt	96½	-½	1.4	56.2
266	167½	TR Euro Growth	245	-1	0.5	..
50½	44½	TR Property	48	-½	2.8	33.7
412½	374	TR Tech Inv#	400	..	11.9	32.0
364	273	Turkey Trust#	336½	..	..	..
169½	146½	Undervalued Ast	163½	-2½	1.8	40.9
167	152	Value Inc Tst	164½	-½	3.7	30.4
138½	102½	Value Realt	130½	-2	1.1	..
56	40½	Warrants & Val	54	-1	..	..
110½	87½	Wigmore†	102½	-2½	0.9	..
396	310½	Witan	371	-2	2.4	45.8
74½	65½	Yeoman Inc	66	-1	..	4.2



LEISURE & HOTELS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
29½	11	ABI Leis#	13½	..	..	15.1
543½	405½	Airtours†	486	-4½	1.8	24.5
33	23½	Ald Leis	30	-½	4.2	9.5
21	16	Arena Leis	19½	+1	..	..
157½	115	BS Group†	142½	..	4.4	..
135	110	Baldwin	135	..	3.7	11.0
130	82	Bluebird Toys	114½	..	10.4	10.5
800	605	Boosey Hwkst	630	..	2.0	25.1
35½	27½	Burndene	32	-1½	9.1	7.5
159½	79	Capital Corpn	79	-2½	8.1	6.9
104½	55	Civedeo	91½	-1	2.7	20.8
109½	70½	Clubhaus	96½	+½	..	25.6
305	183	ENIC	187½	..	0.3	..
318	223	Eurocamp	279	-1½	5.3	9.7
107½	67	Euro Disney	107½	..	..	..
146½	120½	Euro Leisure	145	..	3.7	9.2
173½	100	First Choice	152½	-2	2.3	53.1
437½	269½	First Leisure	424½	-2½	2.7	24.2
159½	110½	Friendly Hotels†	145	..	5.1	12.4
1217	837	Granada	1118	+3	1.7	21.1
51½	36½	Hi-Tec Sports	44	+½	5.7	8.5
289	207½	Holmes Place	259½	..	1.4	31.1
282½	165½	Hornby	232½	..	3.5	11.3
373	309	Hozelock†	331	-6½	4.3	18.9
200	148	Jarvis Hotels	190½	+½	3.0	11.2
569½	351½	Jurys Hotel	531½	-8½	1.5	25.5
37½	24½	Kunick†	36½	-½	2.9	16.5
370	250	Ladbroke	345½	-8½	2.6	25.2
328½	150½	London Clubs	152½	-9	5.8	..
243½	182½	Macdonald Hls	227½	-2	2.8	..
161½	123½	Man Utd	153½	..	1.3	24.6
58½	34½	Mandarin Ortl	34½	-1½	6.2	7.3
620½	418½	Millennium & Cop	563½	-2	1.8	22.9
1½	0½	Millwall Hldgs	1	..	..	..
102½	74½	Newcastle Utd	79	..	2.5	8.5
300	200½	Northern	218	+11½	2.3	26.7
76½	52½	Prism Leisure	54	..	15.8	3.7
30	19½	Queensborough	28	-1	1.8	10.9
41	12½	Queens Moat	40½	..	..	8.8
421	283½	Rank Grp	353	+3½	6.4	13.7
49	38½	Regal Hotel	41½	-1½	3.8	9.0
84½	50½	Ryan Hotels E†	75½	..	3.2	..
1900	1175	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1575	..	1.7	25.8
51½	27½	Shelbourne United	28½	+½	..	..
252½	232½	Sinclair (Wm)	235	-2½	4.8	11.4
80½	63½	Southampton	68½	-4	1.8	..
143½	91	Stakis	136½	-½	2.5	19.0
298	250½	Stanley Leisure	298	..	1.8	21.0
19	4	Tandem	7	..	..	..
346	346	Tenongo#	346	..	1.3	..
250½	157	Thistle Hotels	239	-1	2.2	19.6
200	173	Thomson Travel	175	+1	2.0	21.5
76½	59½	Tottenham Hot	67½	..	1.9	17.9
212½	135½	Vardon	198½	-3	1.5	24.0
412½	302½	Wembley	408½	..	0.9	10.2
162½	120	Zetters Gp	151½	-2	8.7	8.8

MEDIA

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
445	324	Abbott Mead	442½	-½	1.8	33.9
172½	145½	Adscene	162½	-5	6.5	17.0
100½	64½	Aegis Grp	95½	-½	0.7	26.3
154	70	Aspen Grp	91½	..	3.4	..
195	152½	Atlantic Telecom	156½	-3½	..	..
79½	50½	BBB Design#	79½	..	..	..
232	185	Barbour Index	231	..	5.5	26.4
3½	0½	Barkdale	1	..	..	..
409	320	Black (A&C)†	385	-5	4.5	15.1
370½	267½	Border TV	350	-1½	2.5	26.3
515	410	Bristol	510	-5	4.3	12.2
310½	129½	Brit Allcrft	279	-1	0.9	40.1
634	333	BSkyB	428½	-6	1.8	27.3
747½	497	Capital Radio†	670	..	2.6	21.0
562	408	Carlton Comms	551	+7½	3.0	16.3
374½	145	Character Grp†	326½	-12	1.8	13.6
63	48	Chime Commnt	61	..	3.9	16.7
777½	602½	Chrysalis	762	..	0.4	..
92½	77	City of Lon	87½	..	9.3	..
106½	83½	Cchyrical Prom	106	..	..	53.8
137	88	Cordiant Commst	130	-4	0.9	..
188½	143½	Creative Pub†	181½	-1	4.0	..
3184½	2034½	Daily Mail†	2940½	-90½	1.1	27.0
3250	2000	Daily Mail 'A'	2609¼	-31½	1.2	24.8
206½	129½	Dialog	154½	-5	..	..
267	203	Dorling Knd	243½	-13	2.3	87.3
485	265½	Dudley Jenkins	462½	-7½	1.4	33.1
1298	905	EMAP†	1237½	-1½	1.5	27.1
685	430	EMI	527½	+12½	3.1	28.1
1117½	883½	Elsevier	988½	..	3.9	29.9
2362½	1435	Euromoney Pbl	2360	..	2.9	23.8
69	50½	Fiern	68½	..	1.3	12.2
555	468	Flextech	508	-7½	..	..
240½	155½	GWR Gp	239½	+8	1.8	..
335	212½	Gearhouse Group	212½	..	4.2	10.7
55½	34½	Goodhead	49	..	1.3	15.8
540	290	HIT Entert	540	..	0.7	66.5
297½	262½	Haynes Pub	282½	..	5.0	11.8
14½	9½	Highbury Hse	12½	..	..	..
280	204	Hodder H'line	265	-5	3.4	16.8
580	400	Home Counts	560	..	1.3	24.9
537	365	IBC	528½	-2½	2.5	17.4
93½	70½	ITE Group	75½	-5	..	..
30½	18½	Incepta	29	..	1.6	12.4
337½	327½	Independent	377½	-5	2.1	26.4
56½	40½	Ind Public Ref	49	-1	4.2	10.2
162	122	Intereurope	123½	..	4.8	3.0
250	196½	Johnston Press	237	-1½	1.6	18.5
366½	328	LLP Group	345	-2½	1.7	29.1
60	30	Lopex	57	-2½	2.2	12.2
472½	305	Maiden	453½	-4	1.7	33.9
38½	19	Medialay	19	-2½	7.9	7.2
1325	940	Metal Bulletin	1320	..	2.2	53.3
249	170	Mirror Gp	211	-2½	3.0	15.6
1190	713	More Grp	1104	..	1.9	23.3
435½	333	News Corp	384½	-17½	0.3	18.3
377	293½	News Corp Pref	325½	-15½	0.9	..
337½	252½	Newsquest	321	-3	2.1	18.1
15½	11½	Osprey Comms	13	..	..	..
1230	705	Pearson	1088½	-1½	2.2	31.2
56½	34½	Phonelink	43½	+1	..	..
1125	867½	Portsmth Sund	1117½	+155	2.0	..
115½	51½	Quarto	100	..	5.6	13.6
730	448½	Reed Intl	544	+4½	3.4	26.6
770	509½	Reuters	691	..	2.4	25.8
185	100½	Saatchi†	155	+½	1.0	..
807	651	Scot Med	805	+3½	3.5	17.9
563	375	Scot Radio†	527½	-1½	2.4	19.2
13½	6½	Stereo Kids	10½	+1	1.0	..
550	448	Southnews	532½	-3½	2.3	..
25½	16½	Sterling Pub	16½	-1	2.6	6.5
145½	85½	Taylor Nelson†	130½	-5	1.0	40.6
270	204	Television Cp	263½	..	1.8	18.6
269½	163½	Tempus Gp	255	..	1.3	27.5
1920	1549½	Thomson Corp	1677	+37½	2.8	35.4
573	483½	Trinity	523½	-5½	3.2	16.6
245	203	Ulster TV	204	-1	3.5	18.9
953	630	United News†	877	-7	2.7	19.1
115½	74	VCI	79½	..	12.4	5.9
127½	75½	VTR	117½	..	5.1	8.4
438½	240	WPP†	389	-11	0.5	24.7
203½	123½	Wilmington†	181	-½	1.0	32.5

MINING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3440½	2290½	Ang Am Coal	2871½	+3½	5.5	7.0
3563½	1975	Ang Am	2159½	-100	3.7	..
3268½	2068½	Ang Am Gold	2168½	-34½	6.2	..
971½	643½	Anglo Am Plat	706½	..	3.5	20.1
3362½	2040½	Anglogold	2478½	-43½	8.1	12.3
22½	14½	Anglo Pac Grp	14½	..	..	..
31½	22	Arcon Intl	22	-1	..	..
645½	411½	Ashanti	465½	-22	2.6	15.2
66½	31½	Ashton	31½	..	4.5	..
112	47	Aquarn	50½	..	..	..
187½	122½	Billiton	126½	+½	4.8	10.3
35	31½	Bisichi	33½	-½	3.5	11.0
20½	13	Bougainville	13	-½	..	..
299½	215½	Central Pacific	215½	-18	..	..
50	21½	Cons Murchison	26½	..	0.8	..
1609½	1062½	De Beers	1116½	-21½	4.9	6.8
426½	305½	Driefontein	305½	..	3.9	10.2
225½	88	Durban	135½	..	..	..
92½	57½	E Rand Gold	67½	..	23.5	4.2
18½	10½	E Rand Prop	13	..	22.2	..
283	128½	Elandsrand	201½	..	8.2	13.2
273½	219½	Eng China Cl	227	-6	7.2	10.6
168½	92	Evander	102½	..	14.4	..
365½	92	FS Cons	279½	..	12.8	7.8
71½	17	FS Dev	22½	..	..	..
1108½	706½	GFSA	706½	..	3.7	15.0
148½	85½	Gencor	92½	..	4.0	6.3
145½	98½	Gold Fields Prop	108½	..	6.8	12.2
41	14½	Greenwich R 'A'	29½	+3	..	..
356½	112½	Harmony	230½	..	7.2	..
793½	443½	Impala Plat	558½	..	2.9	11.7
13	9½	Kenmare Res	10	..	..	..
33½	14	Kidston	18½	..	..	..
369	239½	Lonrho	300½	+½	7.9	13.7
11½	4½	Malaysia Mining	4½	..	..	..
42	26½	MIM	26½	-½	3.4	..
1175	796½	Minorco	796½	..	4.9	9.7
105	65	Monteagle	90	-7	5.4	..
73½	47½	Normandy	47½	-½	4.5	11.1
177½	114½	North	114½	-4½	4.1	17.5
60	22½	Petaling Tin	27½	+2½	1.6	..
111	48½	RBC	48½	-½	7.4	2.8
170	80	RJB	143	..	17.5	1.8
29½	22½	Rockwood†	27	..	15.3	5.8
196½	77½	Randfontein	130½	..	4.3	14.4
121½	77½	Reunion Mng	77½	..	..	..
898	641	Rio Tinto	680	-7	4.7	12.8
871	660½	Rio Tinto Ltd	660½	-23½	3.8	17.5
8½	3½	St Barbara	3½	-½	..	..
191	128	St Helena	142½	..	21.6	2.1
192½	138½	Sons Gwalia	140½	-1	6.6	10.8
130½	90½	Storm Pacific	90½	-2½	..	..
1328½	793½	Southvaal	965½	..	11.8	8.5
228½	162½	WMC	162½	-3½	2.7	22.2
27	12	Wankie Col Z	13½	..	5.1	..
67½	34½	Water Hall	36	..	..	..
443	381½	Watts Blake†	405	+2½	5.4	12.1
1758½	975	Western Deep	1284½	..	6.1	..
149	109½	Zambia Copper	119½	..	..	..

OIL & GAS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
221½	155½	Abbot Group†	217	-½	1.5	28.0
32½	19½	Alliance Res#	32½	..	..	..
64½	51½	Amerex	51½	..	..	..
77	50½	Aus Oil & Gas	50½	-4½	3.9	17.5
27½	9½	Aviva Pet	10	..	..	..
430	298½	Br Borneo	357½	-5	1.0	64.1
391	355	BG†	323	+11	3.1	30.7
972	708½	Br Petroleum†	863	+5	3.3	22.2
1½	0½	Bula Resources	1	..	..	..
1340	895	Burmah Castrl	1195	-4	3.4	17.6
496½	290½	Cairn Energy	317½	-6½	..	57.4
119	88	Centrica	99½	-½	..	..
14½	6½	Copter Res	6½	-½	..	..
22½	16	Dana Pet	17	-2½	..	..
72½	41½	Dragon Oil	45	..	..	..
28½	19	Edin Oil & Gs	21	..	1.8	15.2
10	5½	Emerald Energy	7	..	..	..
697	510	Enterprise	536	+4	4.1	28.0
14½	9	Fortune	9	-½	..	34.4
294½	231	Hardy Oil & G	234	-1½	0.5	49.3
47½	31½	JKX Oil & Gas	34½	..	..	..
430	300½	KBC Adv Tech	403½	..	1.0	35.7
305	240	LASMO	246	-1½	0.9	66.0
42½	35½	Lasmo Units	40	..	..	21.1
83	56½	Monument	63	-1	..	22.6
3118½	2612½	Norsk Hydro	2621½	-3½	2.3	15.7
133½	90	Oil Search	90	-5	..	..
58½	33½	Perenco	33½	-½	..	..
54½	39½	Premier	45½	..	1.7	9.7
58	28½	Poteneft Rs	29	..	..	..
429½	331	Ranger	402½	..	4.9	7.1
3616½	3031½	Royal Dtch Fl	3268½	-25	2.9	24.7
5143½	2366½	Schlumberger	4271½	-62½	1.1	..
459½	365	Shell	418	-2	3.4	23.5
370½	263½	SOCO Intl	276½	-7	..	23.7
9187½	5843	Total	7184½	-76½	1.9	..
332½	220	XCL	220	-7½	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
134	87½	Aberdeen Asset	121	+1½	4.1	45.7
775	467	AMVESCAP†	629½	-13½	1.1	28.9
229½	120½	BVD	216	-4½	4.3	19.5
55½	42½	Berry Bch Net	44½	-2	5.6	..
294	240	Bristol	267½	-2½	..	..
443	245½	Brewin Dolphin	424	-13½	2.8	20.6
936½	725	Caledonia	938½	-1½	2.6	24.9
4500	2800	Camellia	4400	-100	1.0	10.0
693	398½	Cattles	593	-5	2.1	29.1
57½	37½	Charles Sm	51½	..	2.4	16.9
933	526½	Close Bros	847½	-10	1.9	24.6
612	433	EFM	582½	-1½	5.3	14.1
32½	20	Exco	22	..	4.3	..
42½	19½	Finers Intl	39½	..	2.1	22.2
219½	197	Friends Ivory Sime	202	+1	4.5	17.9
447½	332	Gerrard	427½	..	4.7	19.2
194	154½	Hambros	178½	-1	1.8	64.8
272½	146½	Hoare Govett	270½	..	2.6	..
195	145	Investment Co	195	..	2.9	..
177½	104	Jardine Strat	104	-6½	8.5	7.8
164½	112½	Johnson Fry	155	-½	3.2	..
620	570	Leopold J	610	..	4.1	26.7
619½	462½	Liberty Intl	551½	+4½	4.0	24.1
476½	316	Lon Forfaitng	317½	-27½	4.8	10.6
268½	167½	London Pacific	251	-1	7.1	8.8
160	110½	Lon Scot Bk	140½	..	3.1	23.7
306½	232½	Man ED & F	306	..	4.8	11.7
1945	1467½	M & G†	1770	-15	3.0	26.4
253	182½	Paragon	240½	-6	1.5	9.5
4537½	2682½	Perpetual	4215	-25	1.8	25.8
1056	785	Provident	955	+23	2.6	25.5
647½	400	Rathbone Br	635	-6½	2.8	25.5
69½	54½	Rea Brothers	62½	..	2.0	12.7
65	49½	Rutland Tst	62½	-½	3.4	14.1
107½	77	SEC Group	94½	-½	7.0	23.3
392	292	S & U†	296	-9	8.1	8.8
2025	1153½	Schroders▼	1667	+37	1.1	28.6
1775	1016½	Schroders N/V▼	1500	+35	1.3	25.8
795	610	Secure Tst	792½	..	3.6	16.1
185½	135½	Singer & Fried	168½	-3½	4.0	12.2
67½	48½	Torry Law	65½	-1	..	..
5½	3½	Tre Hldgs	5½	..	..	..
81½	61½	Unum	78	..	..	..
85	48½	Versailles Grp	79	..	0.7	47.5
457½	397½	Wiestrest	452½	..	4.1	17.5

PHARMACEUTICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	57	Brit Biotech	40	..	..	..
300	240	Cantab Pharms	260	..	..	..
387½	272½	Celltech	332½	-4½	..	..
356½	220	Chiroscience	290½	-4½	..	..
201	70	Cove Group	75	..	..	..
206	105	Cortecs	111½	-8½	..	..
1985	1650	Glaxo Well	1707	-12	2.3	37.1
135	75	ML Laboratories	91½	-3½	..	..
185	140	Medeva	173	-1	3.2	8.1
350	165	Oxford Molecular	136	-9	..	..
310	265	Peptide Thera	265	-10	..	..
114½	47½	Phytopharm	96½	..	..	..
513½	190½	Powderject	458	-2	..	..
49½	42	Proteus Intl	45½	..	..	..
72	59	Provalis	61	..	5.3	12.3
181½	124½	Quadrant Health	146½	..	..	..
334½	260	Scotia	328½	-1	..	..
446½	285½	Shire Pharms	406	-1	..	..
103½	47½	SkyePharma	72½	-1	..	..
898	618	SmithKline†	724	-1½	1.6	35.1
225	145	Therp Ant Inc	149	..	..	..
652½	362½	Vanguard	365	-15	..	..
182	45	Vanguard Wts	64	-5½	..	..
245	140	Xenova	145	-13½	..	..
2850	2114	Zeneca	2509	-39	1.9	32.6

PRINTING & PAPER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
94	82	AG Holdings†	88½	..	8.6	13.1
622½	520	API†	620	-7½	2.5	16.8
142	68½	App Holo	112½	-5	..	..
255	145½	Arjo Wiggins	226	-6	3.5	12.2
468½	438½	Bemrose	442½	-6	4.6	11.7
193½	144½	Bhagelli	168½	..	2.1	10.8
3571½	2578½	Bowater Inc	2900	-3½	..	..
313½	233½	Bowmore Intl	281½	..	1.6	16.2
527	435	Br Polythene	445	-6½	5.6	10.8
348½	219½	Bunzl†	313	-2	2.2	17.9
168½	118½	Cappal Inds	147½	..	5.2	15.2
261½	205	Cropper (James)	205	+7½	3.1	..
399	268½	De La Rue†	312½	+8½	4.4	10.1
274½	252½	Dolphin Pack	265	..	3.9	12.5
105	70	Ferguson Intl	90	..	6.2	..
197½	145½	Fiebor	158½	-½	3.3	16.6
90½	56½	Inveresk	70½	..	10.3	10.5
229½	185½	Janos Porter	190½	-½	5.3	..
21	17½	LIBERtronica	18	..	3.8	7.6
420	284	Low & Bonar	405½	-8	4.1	13.6
25½	18½	Lowe (Robert)	20	..	2.5	7.2
86½	65½	MY Holdings	83½	-2½	4.1	11.2
177½	132½	Macfarlane	138	-3½	4.0	11.9
347½	213½	Photobition	306	-9	0.6	50.7
187½	140½	Plysu	178½	..	5.8	..
34	25	Porter Chadbm	32	..	3.1	10.2
320½	229	REXAM†	277½	-8	6.9	11.3
547½	485	St Ives Gp	532	-11	2.8	15.9
410	227½	Sappi	253½	-16	3.1	..
68½	20	Security & General	27	-½	..	..
122½	92½	Shanton	114	..	2.7	13.1
253½	165½	Smith David	217½	-3	4.7	13.5
240	156	Smurfit (Jeff)	195	-9	2.3	..
168	105	Sonic	116	-4	3.6	11.2
186½	133½	Tinsley Robor	178½	-2½	2.1	19.8
43½	16	Wace	34½	-½	..	..
307½	247½	Waddington	306½	-1	4.8	11.7
347½	268	Watmough	347	..	3.8	17.8
320½	223	Wyndeham	301½	-1	2.6	15.6

PROPERTY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116½	91	Allied Lon†	99½	-1½	5.1	7.2
195	155½	Asdat	190	-1½	2.0	25.2
36½	28½	Ashquay Grp	33½	-1½	0.8	41.3
180½	135½	Asntrolle Hldgs	167½	-2	3.7	25.8
278½	243½	Benchmark	262½	-2	2.2	25.4
288½	253½	Bilton	273½	..	5.0	30.0
177½	149	Birby	169	-2	6.4	11.3
5½	3	Bolton Gp	3½	..	..	..
64	53½	Bourne End†	58½	-½	2.6	79.7
322½	268½	Bradford	268½	-2	4.1	18.8
825	600	Br Land†	647	+10	1.8	35.6
255	213	Buxton	244	-2	4.8	19.8
132	100	Buxford	109½	-1	2.6	38.4
148½	132	CLS Hldgs	148½	+½	4.1	17.8
318½	246½	Cap & Regnl	287½	-3½	1.5	28.0
460	401½	Cap Shop Cnts	409½	+½	2.8	26.7
355½	263½	Cardi Prop	346½	..	1.2	48.8
19	9½	Carlisle	18	-½	..	74.3
13½	7½	Cathay Intl	7½	+½	..	..
418½	324	Chelsfield	324	-2½	1.3	38.0
687½	590	Chesterfield	612½	..	2.8	..
37	21½	Chesterton Intl	24½	..	1.8	44.3
166½	147½	City Noms	151½	..	..	26.8
53½	32½	City Site Ests	33½	..	..	..
107	90	Cleveland Tst	91	..	8.5	..
99½	82½	CNC Propert	88½	-1	4.7	9.2
260½	185½	Compco	259	..	2.0	21.6
1710	1605	Daejan	1710	..	3.0	16.4
21	10½	Dares Estates	11½	+½	..	..
126½	95½	Debenham Tuson	103½	-3	3.4	12.2
163½	89½	Delancey Est	116½	..	1.7	23.8
232½	192½	Dencorat	232½	..	2.6	14.4
598	562½	Derwent Hldgs	571	..	1.5	39.5
355	283½	Development Secs	310	-1½	1.2	..
260½	172½	Edge Properties	248½	..	..	26.6
430	410	Estates Agency	425	..	5.4	19.3
85	75½	Estates Gen	77½	..	1.3	20.0
176½	139½	Evans Of Leeds†	173	..	2.7	23.5
42½	36½	Fletcher King	40	-½	6.2	13.2
71½	61½	Folkes Group†	69½	-½	3.8	6.8
71½	57½	Folkes Group nvi	70	..	3.7	6.8
540	461	Frogmore	483½	-3½	5.2	12.6
19	14½	Golden Land Inv	18	..	..	..
370	320	Grainger	320	..	2.9	..
296	237½	Gr Portland†	258½	+½	4.4	32.9
200½	159	Grantchester†	175½	-3½	1.0	51.2
252½	214½	Greycoat†	244	-1	0.8	39.2
152	104½	Hambro Cntrys	136	-5	2.8	8.8
537½	466½	Hammerson	511½	-10	2.9	30.1
33½	24	Hampton Trust	25	+½	..	..
692½	556	Helical Bart	680	..	1.7	..
50	44½	Hemingway†	45½	..	1.7	18.8
130½	65½	HK Land†	72½	-½	10.1	7.6
345	200	Jermyn	342½	..	2.2	..
183½	94	LSH†	172½	-4	3.3	11.1
113½	84½	Lands Imp	106½	..	5.6	..
1190	822½	Land Secs†	939	-1	3.7	25.3
36½	31	Lon & Assoct	34½	..	3.3	14.3
139½	118½	Lon Merch Sec	134½	-½	4.6	12.4
650	509½	MEPC†	565	+7	3.3	22.7
119½	99½	MWB Group	117½	..	4.0	..
152	132	McKay Secs	144½	-½	3.8	20.4
89½	65½	Merivale Moore	87½	..	3.2	7.9
308	270	Milner Est	302½	..	2.5	16.9
245½	202½	Minerva	241½	..	0.8	..
36½	25	Moorfield Est	36	..	1.9	40.6
1900	1681½	Mountview	1750	-50	3.5	..
169	156½	Mucklow (A&J)†	157½	..	5.7	17.5
49	31	OEM	43	..	..	..
74½	52½	ORB	59½	-1	..	..
41½	31½	Olives Propt	40	..	1.9	24.9
727½	635	Peel	721	-4	1.4	..
353	277	Pillar Prop	351	..	2.1	65.0
13½	7½	Probus Estates	9	..	..	..
204½	189	Quintain	193½	-1	3.1	..
39½	24	Raglan	28½	..	6.0	..
36	26	Regalian	29½	-½	5.4	..
202½	157½	Rugby Est	170	-1	1.9	15.3
81½	67½	St Modwen Prp	76	..	4.9	9.3
73	59	Saville Gdn	71½	..	5.2	27.1
149	111½	Savills	145	-1	3.2	10.1
113	92	Scot Met	110	-1½	3.6	19.4
246	217	Shaftesbury†	238	-5	1.2	55.6
414½	342½	Slough Estates	363	-2	2.9	24.4
287½	242½	Smart (J)	272½	..	4.6	10.1
122½	93	TBI	119	+½	2.1	39.1
203½	176½	Tops Ests	201½	-2	1.6	43.6
118	102	Town Centre†	105	..	4.6	13.2
203½	149½	Trafford Park	198½	+1	2.6	21.6
103½	87½	UK Land	97½	..	3.8	13.2
278½	251½	Warner	271½	..	6.1	17.7
263	255	Warnford	263	..	3.8	16.0
110½	92½	Wates▲	93½	..	..	43.1
450½	345½	Workspace Grp	446½	..	4.3	16.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	173	ASDA Group	194½	+2½	2.0	18.3
78½	56	Budgens	70½	-½	2.4	15.2
80½	55½	Dairy Farm Intl	61½	..	6.0	11.1
[illegible]	157	Farepak	180	..	3.6	12.9
43½	35½	Fitzwilton	41½	..	5.9	..
184	95	Fyffes	158	..	1.7	18.4
3037½	1995	Greggs	2562½	..	1.8	21.2
261	179	Iceland Group	209	-7½	3.2	14.1
296½	227½	Morrison (W)	293	-½	0.9	23.5
69	38	Park Foods	54½	-1	7.1	..
402	330	Safeway†	366	..	4.8	15.4
567	370	Sainsbury J†	489½	+½	3.5	20.4
403½	307½	Somerfield	353½	+2	3.7	12.1
321½	194½	T & S Stores	309½	-1½	3.4	16.6
620	485	Tesco†	561½	-3	2.6	21.4
393½	256½	Thorntons	289½	..	2.8	21.3
625	505	Watson& Philip	618½	-3	3.8	17.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
303½	230½	Alexon	250½	-4	..	10.3
366	192½	Alders	307	-3½	5.2	10.0
180	89½	Allied Carpets	87½	..	11.1	6.8
508	361½	Arcadia Group	444½	-9	3.0	15.7
683	390	Argos†	633	..	3.6	20.5
41½	19½	Ashley (Laura)	30	-2½	..	..
215½	164½	Austin Reed†	192½	-1	4.7	11.6
172½	150½	Beale	157½	-2	3.8	10.8
193½	157	Beattie (J)†	166½	..	6.5	12.2
155½	119½	Bentalls	130	-3½	3.7	6.6
498½	336½	Blacks Leis	351½	-11	2.0	..
146	109	Body Shop	131½	-½	5.3	11.1
1055	632	Boots†	1016	+9½	2.7	23.5
61	30½	Brown & Jackson	49	-1	..	13.2
460	343	Brown (N)†	344	..	2.7	17.8
505	385½	Carpetright	337	..	7.8	11.2
594	227	Christies Intl	391½	+1½	1.7	30.4
432½	363	Church	369	-13½	5.8	10.3
146½	95½	Clinton Cards	140	..	2.7	14.6
272½	189½	Courts Corrsf	234½	+2	1.0	17.1
432½	332½	Courts Furnsn	385	..	1.2	16.6
587½	229½	DFS Furniture	229½	-½	7.2	9.3
433	323½	Debenhams	375½	..	1.3	16.2
628	459	Dixons Grp	532½	-4½	2.6	16.1
99½	45½	Elec Boutique	95	+2	..	29.7
4½	3	EHA Gp	4	..	..	..
70½	45½	Essex Furn	46½	-3	10.3	10.7
209	145	Falkland Ex	167½	..	..	18.2
218½	162½	Fine Art Devt	202½	..	7.2	15.8
356½	203½	Freed Earn	350	..	1.2	21.7
567½	445½	Frang Fnc US	551½	-2	1.7	..
137½	95½	Formenter	108½	..	3.9	9.2
465	356	French Conn†	420	-10	1.0	14.8
45½	34½	Everest	38½	..	3.6	24.6
333½	217½	Goldsmiths Gpt	320	-3½	3.1	15.6
147	125½	Grampian Hdg	135½	..	7.0	12.4
918	700	GUS	874½	-3½	2.6	22.8
297½	220½	Hamleys	239½	..	5.7	10.8
116½	75	Hampden Grp	102½	-3	3.5	9.9
343½	269½	Harveys Furn	271	-1	3.2	28.1
221½	144½	Hse of Fraser†	186	+½	3.7	20.6
171½	117½	Hughes (TJ)	166½	-2	2.6	16.1
823½	489	JJB Sports	687½	+22½	1.4	22.8
1201	709½	Kingfisher†	1025	+11	2.8	18.6
355	250	Liberty	272½	..	1.2	..
53½	25½	Lowelight	53	..	..	..
141	75	MFI	79	..	7.8	8.5
654	489	Marks Spencer†	531	+1	3.4	18.3
57	35½	Merchant Retail	45½	-1	1.4	18.9
291½	216½	Moss Bros	251½	..	3.0	16.1
860	474	Next†	523½	-21	4.3	13.8
33½	24½	Olnci (G)	29½	..	..	..
512½	382½	Ordeme Intl	455	-5	4.9	14.5
65	38½	Partners	38½	..	5.0	..
94½	79½	Partridge Fine	90½	-1	6.9	7.9
49½	25½	QS Hldgs	26½	..	..	..
320	250	Readys	252½	-1	5.8	10.5
117½	85½	Savc Group†	111	-1	8.0	12.0
66½	46½	Sears†	61½	-½	6.4	..
52½	29	Signet Group	47½	-½	..	10.4
587½	399½	Smith WH	547	-½	3.6	..
1310	1050	Sotheby's	1290	-5	1.9	..
294	216	Storehouse†	271	+1½	4.2	12.7
92	58	Stylo	59½	-2	10.6	..
221½	140½	Thorn	209½	-7½	8.3	11.9
127½	63½	Tie Rack	90	-2½	2.8	..
3½	2½	Union & South	3	..	..	29.0
365½	261½	Wickes	347½	..	0.7	57.6
373½	280½	Wyevale	338½	..	2.5	21.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
866	535	AEA Tech	850	..	1.3	40.4
350	272½	Abacus Recruit	290	+15	0.6	19.9
205½	119	Acorn	119	-½	..	..
226½	152½	Aggreko	208½	-1	2.3	27.9
122	68	Alpha Airport	109½	-3	6.1	13.4
53	33½	Alphameric	39	+½	..	..
79	47	Anite Gp	67	+½	..	..
555	362½	Atkins WS	529	-6	1.9	..
214½	160	BNB Res	185	-1½	5.1	11.1
790	507½	BPP	755	-10	2.6	26.6
816	637½	BTG	751	-10½	0.2	..
48½	17½	Br Thornton	44	..	..	..
132½	79½	Brooks Service	129½	-1	3.9	13.9
957½	568½	Business Post	845	-10	2.2	..
2000	758½	CMG	1760	-55	0.3	..
493	335	CRT Gp	485½	-1	1.1	67.5
972½	812½	Capa Gpt	940	..	1.6	11.8
561½	311½	Capita Group	518½	..	0.5	..
12½	6½	Chemoor	9	..	2.8	14.7
262	212½	Corp Services	260	-1	2.9	19.1
37½	21½	Coutts Consult	31½	..	0.4	..
649	317½	DCS Gp	619	-1	0.5	41.5
352½	235	Danka Bs Sys	267½	+6	1.5	13.1
459½	302	Davis Service	423½	-½	3.3	23.2
830	662½	Delphi	665	-2½	1.4	23.3
1190	682½	Diagonal	1172½	-7½	0.3	..
27½	19	Eurocopy	20½	..	12.2	4.1
100½	51½	EW Fact	100½	..	2.5	18.6
102½	51	El Data Prc	97½	-2½	2.8	16.9
1732½	927½	FI Group	1600	-70	0.5	..
578	409	Guardian IT	549	-2	..	..
455	357	Harvey Nash	410	..	1.4	30.8
1155	773	Hays	1053	+8	1.2	36.6
58	51½	Hgh-Pointfold	55	..	..	..
325½	255½	Hogg Robinson	322½	-1	3.9	15.0
1257½	515	JBA Hldgs†	590	-15	1.1	55.3
330	232½	Johnson Srvce	306	..	5.1	11.7
69½	40½	Kalamazoo	60½	-2	8.8	..
895	570	Kewill Sys	837½	-10	1.5	20.1
24½	13½	Lazer-Scan	19	..	..	..
551	317½	Lavendon	523½	-10½	0.9	34.0
1877½	1147½	Logica	1790	+40	0.7	51.4
806½	505	Lorien	751	-13	1.2	46.7
235½	130½	Lynx Group†	225	-6½	1.1	28.7
96½	42½	MDIS	92	..	..	..
1422½	772½	MMT Comp†	1257½	-67½	1.2	33.1
164½	109½	MR Group	147½	..	3.3	19.5
555	330	Macro 4	480	..	6.7	13.9
342½	142½	Marlborough Int	305	..	..	55.2
82½	52½	Manmore Abbey	81½	..	1.0	24.4
721	470	Micro Focus	502½	-5	..	31.6
137½	56	Microgen	132½	-3	4.7	17.7
3723	1825	Misys	3355	+37	0.5	58.1
336	230½	MITIE Gp	321½	-5	0.9	35.3
53½	51½	Movo Group	53½	..	3.7	12.1
61	41½	Oxxo▼	59	..	3.5	..
780	500	PSD	650	-17½	1.6	25.1
862½	635	Parity	846½	..	0.8	40.5
395	240	Pegasus	360	..	2.6	12.4
242½	145	Penna	237½	-½	1.2	12.1
329	151	Photo-Me	315	-3	2.2	30.4
54½	35	Proudfoot†	44	-1½	1.4	10.5
247½	160	RCO	170	..	11.3	30.2
332	219½	RPS Group	327	..	1.8	27.0
53	25½	Radius	43½	-1	3.2	14.8
600	317½	Real Time	586	-15	1.3	20.0
119	79	Rebus	118½	+2	2.0	26.0
193	119½	Reed Executive	170	-10	2.2	9.1
193	162	Reliance Sec	192½	..	4.4	17.0
440	365	Rentokil Ini	406½	+6½	0.9	40.3
231	152½	Ricardo Group	231	..	3.5	39.1
576	455	Robert Walters	463½	-14	1.1	21.4
510	275	Rolfe & Nolan	330	-7½	..	55.3
382½	297½	Royalblue	365	-5	0.8	49.2
1685	825	Sage Grp†	1542½	-2½	0.2	60.9
180	74	Sanderson†	152½	-1½	4.3	13.9
948	551	Select App	931½	-5	0.5	39.8
2695	1475	Serna Grp†	2685	+65	0.3	68.9
1437	868	Serco Gp	1436	-1	0.6	60.1
199½	154½	Shanks & McEwan	186½	-1	2.9	..
915	520	Sherwd Intl	912½	..	0.7	38.4
74	44	Simon Grp	59	-1½	1.4	15.6
61	37½	Sketchley	43	..	..	..
320½	181½	Staffgroup	319	-1	1.6	29.3
125	103	Stat-Plus	112	..	12.6	11.1
275	92	Superscape VR	230	-13	..	..
125½	85	Torex	117½	-3	2.4	19.6
3500	2250	Tyco Intl	3250	..	0.2	..
134½	86½	WCP Group	122½	-1½	2.9	17.0
225	182	Warner Howrd	182	-1½	8.2	8.1
250	176	Waste Mgt Ind	248	..	..	58.6
499½	332½	Waste Recyg	464½	-7	0.7	42.8
278½	199	Whitehead Mann	267½	-6½	3.6	..
97½	62½	White Young Grn	93	..	4.7	14.4
500	304	Williams	412	+3	3.8	21.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
718½	411½	BT	672	+18½	3.6	19.4
2387½	614½	COLT Telecom	2017½	-50	..	..
765	467½	Cable Wireless	664	+8	1.8	30.3
512½	264½	Cable&Wire Comm	488	+16	..	..
937½	252½	Energis	827½	+2½	..	..
346½	250	Euro Telecom	338½	-1½	1.1	..
217	77½	General Cable	216	+1½	..	..
137½	23	Ionica Group	39	..	..	..
514	236½	Orange	485	..	..	..
480	286½	Securicor	441½	-30	0.7	57.3
134½	68½	TeleWest	133	..	..	..
787	298	Vodafone†	698½	-6½	1.0	53.4

TRANSPORT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
440	210	Air London†	385	-10	2.2	21.7
357	194½	All Nippon Airl	194½	-2½	..	..
518	344½	Arriva	360½	-11½	4.7	10.2
388	282½	Assoc Br Ports	340	+5	3.3	16.7
372	284½	Autologic	351	-4	2.7	..
293½	166½	Avis Europe	257	-6½	1.5	25.6
731½	402½	BAA†	666½	-2½	2.6	18.3
709	498	Br Airways†	662	-14	3.1	19.2
140½	90½	Clarkson (H)†	128½	..	3.9	14.6
192½	135½	Clydeport Ops	191½	..	3.6	..
465½	317½	Dart	446½	-16	1.9	21.9
82½	43½	Eurotunnel Uts	74½	+½	..	..
451	221½	FirstGroup	415½	+1½	2.0	23.7
140	125	Fisher (James)	126	..	3.2	9.6
692	580	Forth Ports	670	-6	2.7	16.4
92½	60	Frostline	70	..	..	..
723½	510	Go-Ahead	710½	..	1.6	17.0
601½	490	Goode Durrant	517½	-17½	2.5	15.3
498	305½	Helphire Grp†	493½	-3	0.3	..
1135	740	Irish Cont	1080	-30	0.5	23.1
96½	74½	Jacobs	88½	-3	3.2	38.5
642½	480	Mersey Docks	611½	-3½	3.0	23.5
203	136½	NFC†	167	..	4.0	17.3
1118½	676	Nat Express	1027½	-21	1.6	23.2
817½	562½	Ocean Group	753½	-2	2.4	23.2
121½	92½	Ocean Wilson	116½	..	4.7	7.4
971	650	P & O Dfd	842	-3	4.5	19.1
116½	107½	P & O 5.5%Pf	111½	-½	6.2	..
1518	571½	Railtrack	1362	-1	2.4	19.6
130	98	Salvesen (C)	130	-1½	7.8	10.2
48½	36	Seacon	48	-½	5.3	36.4
296½	244	Seacope Shp	263½	-1½	5.9	6.4
311½	180	Servisair	239	-7½	2.9	18.5
1477½	765	Stagecoach	1261	-56½	1.0	29.7
628	547½	Tibbet & Britn	606½	-1	3.6	15.8
330½	251	TDG	308½	-8	6.8	20.1
116½	78½	Uglandt	99	-2	6.2	8.3
72½	39½	Utd Carriers	46½	-2	9.4	12.2

WATER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
967	780	Anglian	860	-7	6.9	9.5
335	285	East Surrey	288½	..	4.9	11.7
1053½	907	Hyder	951½	-4	6.9	9.8
128½	115½	Hyder Cm Pfd	127½	-1½	7.7	..
775	660	Mid Kent Hdgs	745	..	5.7	..
1085	665	Severn Trent†	973	-15	5.3	10.3
3675	3265	South Staffs	3600	..	3.6	..
1005	864½	South West†	964½	-4	5.3	12.6
1060	800	Thames	1045	..	4.7	11.4
950	658	Utd Utilities†	845	..	6.2	10.3
550	453	Wessex†	453½	-3	5.7	9.0
550	436½	Yorkshire†	438½	-2½	5.8	9.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	193	Cafe Inns	228½	-4½	1.8	14.7
29	14½	Clonorit	24½	-½	..	..
222½	155	Dawson Hldgs	176	..	3.6	17.1
39½	29	Freepages	38	..	..	..
65½	47½	Megalomedia	49	..	0.5	20.2
38	21½	Memory Corp	31	..	..	..
490	344	Prism Rail	435	-9	2.6	..
847½	620	Ramco Eqy	667½	-5	..	..
845	740	Southern News	843½	..	3.1	16.5
94½	82½	Southern Vectis	82½	..	3.2	12.8

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. ½ Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index

BRITISH FUNDS

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.25	7.65
105	102	Treas 15½% 1998	102		15.18	7.30
104	101	Exch 12% 1998	101		11.78	7.42
102	101	Treas 9½% 1999	101		9.39	7.41
106	103	Exch 12¼% 1999	103		11.82	7.22
104	102	Treas 10½% 1999	102		10.21	7.20
99	98	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.08	7.17
106	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	104		9.85	7.11
105	103	Conv 9% 2000	103		8.73	7.04
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102		7.80	6.83
103	102	Treas 8½% 2000	102		8.32	7.15
114	111	Treas 13% 2000	111		11.67	6.97
109	107	Treas 10% 2001	107		9.29	6.81
102	101	Treas 7% 2001	101		6.91	6.55
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103	101	Treas 7% 2002	102		6.85	6.38
113	112	Treas 9¾% 2002	112		8.70	6.42
109	106	Treas 8% 2003	107		7.44	6.25
119	116	Treas 10% 2003	116		8.59	6.24
114	111	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	111		10.31	6.83
93	90	Fund 3½% 1999-04	92		3.78	4.96
119	116	Conv 9½% 2004	117		8.07	6.07
105	101	Treas 6¾% 2004	103		6.50	5.99
116	113	Treas 8½% 2005	115		7.38	5.95
120	117	Conv 9½% 2005	119		7.98	6.02
130	128	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128		9.72	6.19
111	107	Treas 7½% 2006	110		6.77	5.85
112	108	Treas 7¾% 2006	111		6.92	5.88
107	105	Treas 8% 2002-06	105		7.56	6.43
123	121	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121		9.67	6.29
119	115	Treas 8½% 2007	118		7.17	5.73
111	106	Treas 7¼% 2007	110	-1	6.54	5.74
126	121	Treas 9% 2008	125		7.19	5.73
120	113	Treas 8% 2009	118		6.73	5.69
106	99	Treas 6¼% 2010	105		5.93	5.65
131	124	Conv 9% 2011	130		6.90	5.67
133	125	Treas 9% 2012	132		6.82	5.68
101	93	Treas 5½% 2008-12	100		5.49	5.46
120	112	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	119		6.49	5.67
LONGS (over 15 years)						
124	116	Treas 8% 2013	123	-1	6.46	5.64
128	118	Treas 8% 2015	127		6.29	5.56
138	127	Treas 8¾% 2017	137		6.37	5.56
133	121	Tr 8% 2021	132		6.04	5.50
UNDATED						
63	55	War Ln 3½%	62		5.57	
44	38	Treas 2½%	43		5.74	
68	61	Consols 4%	67		5.91	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					5%	3%
199	194	Treas IL 2½% 2001	198		3.06	3.47
197	192	Treas IL 2½% 2003	196		2.97	3.24
127	124	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	127		2.83	3.06
216	206	Treas IL 2% 2006	215		2.75	2.91
198	187	Treas IL 2½% 2009	197		2.67	2.80
209	195	Treas IL 2½% 2011	208		2.62	2.74
176	162	Treas IL 2½% 2013	175		2.57	2.67
193	175	Treas IL 2½% 2016	193		2.52	2.61
190	170	Treas IL 2½% 2020	190		2.52	2.60
163	147	Treas IL 2½% 2024	162		2.49	2.55
160	140	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	160		2.46	2.52

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	139.49	148.65	+0.04	
Do NAV to Jun 19	140.18	140.18		
UK Equity Safeguard	110.86	119.48†	-0.46	2.02
Do NAV to Jun 19	116.61	116.61		
US Eqy Safeguard	93.95	99.69	-0.02	
Cash	956.63	960.41	..	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	412.30	438.70	+3.70	1.43
UK Small Cos	102.45	109.56	-1.24	0.50
FTSE 250 Index	118.19	126.40	-1.75	1.89
Geared UK Index	2548.83	2690.75	+67.00	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	86.34	89.50	-0.10	6.08
Monthly Inc	45.27	48.33†	-0.19	7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	325.10	344.50	-8.70	
American Strat	224.56	240.16	-7.72	
JC US Index	2497.33	2631.34		1.00
European Gen	425.60	450.50	-0.40	0.08
European Strat	178.81	191.23	+0.25	
Japan Gen	88.70	94.02	-1.27	
Asia Pacific	48.16	51.36	-0.83	1.09
Pacific Strat	77.65	83.03	-1.14	
Greater China	134.35	136.06	-3.04	
Latin America	82.67	88.63	-5.71	
Intl Growth	180.02	192.53	-2.77	0.11
Balanced Exempt	180.80	186.80		1.70
Global Strategy	46.99	50.25	-0.86	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	951.80	1011.00	+4.00	2.09
General Inc	771.90	820.40	+3.00	2.09
UK Growth Acc	652.50	694.10	+3.50	2.04
UK Growth Inc	409.90	436.00	+2.20	2.04
Higher Inc Acc #	1233.00	1311.00	-8.00	4.24
Higher Inc Inc #	623.60	663.30	-3.70	4.24
Gilt&Fxd Int Acc	244.50	258.10	-1.90	5.66
Gilt&Fxd Int Inc	99.34	104.90	-0.80	5.66
Nth America	462.70	492.20	-13.30	
Europe	574.20	610.80	+2.60	0.46
Ent Excell	129.20	137.40	+0.60	2.11
Bus Ent Acc	167.00	177.60	-0.60	4.25
Bus Ent Inc	105.60	112.30	-0.30	4.25
Global Opps	130.10	138.30	-1.00	0.22
Balanced Acc	79.93	85.03	+0.01	2.19
Balanced Inc	72.53	77.15		2.19
Japan Acc	28.52	30.33	-0.19	
Pac Basin Acc	212.90	225.40	-3.30	4.24
AXA SUN LIFE FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 0117 989 9000				
Opportunity	67.92	72.26	-1.13	
UK Income Inc	85.24	90.68	-0.71	2.14
Extra Inc Inc	41.76	44.10	-0.11	5.72
High Yld Inc	124.90	132.80	-0.68	2.92
Inc & Gth Inc	116.60	123.00	-0.64	2.13
UK Smaller Cos	53.87	57.21	-0.58	1.54
Pacific Gth Fnd	25.88	27.53	-0.31	1.08
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	148.70	157.80†	0.50	5.67
High Inc Equity	247.70	264.90†	-1.40	3.91
Worldwide Bond	278.10	294.90†	-0.40	3.57
American Growth	571.40	610.10†	-15.70	0.32
Asian Pacific	157.50	168.40	-1.76	0.74
Assets & Earnings	393.90	421.30†	-1.16	2.42
Euro Fixed Int Acc	302.50	322.50	-2.20	0.23
Euro Inc	42.48	45.19†	-0.10	9.25
Consort	354.60	377.40†	-0.90	2.56
Global Opps	79.38	85.08	-0.81	0.38
Japan	68.36	73.11	-0.90	
Managed Inc	56.00	59.57†	0.13	4.28
Mastertrust	200.30	214.20	-0.50	1.12
US Emerging Cos	233.70	249.90	-6.10	
Ethical	106.40	113.20†	0.50	1.62
International	152.80	163.40	-0.70	0.58
Leveraged & Growth	92.02	97.89†	-0.41	3.59
Global Gilt & Sec	80.58	86.26	-0.46	2.62
Latin America	63.90	67.98	-2.79	0.99
Capital Reserve	156.90	157.00	0.20	4.35
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
NSA 100 Growth	129.00	137.20	-0.70	1.49
Equity Income #	177.20	188.50	-1.30	2.41
Extra Income #	332.60	353.10	-0.30	4.39
Smaller Cos	115.10	122.40†	-1.90	1.13
International	144.00	153.10†	-0.70	0.95
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
Enq 0345 888 666 Dlg 0800 833 580				
Amer Opp Acc	380.47	399.88	-10.63	
Emrg Mkts Inc	48.62	51.34	-2.15	0.54
Ethical Inc	95.21	100.75†	-0.98	0.62
Euro Gwth Acc	143.62	151.57	+1.00	
Euro Spec Opps Acc	151.05	159.83	-0.82	
Extra Inc Inc	240.26	253.54	-3.21	3.72
Extra Inc Acc	333.22	351.64	-1.65	3.72
Fr Emg Econ	59.42	62.87	-1.79	1.07
Fixed Int Inc #	31.09	32.63†	-0.07	7.45
Frontier Mkt Inc	72.90	77.13	-1.13	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	227.38	240.60	-1.78	8.35
Fund Of Inv Acc	490.43	518.96	-3.84	8.35
Gilt Inc #	50.73	52.88†	0.26	6.59
Global Emrg Inc	40.83	42.63†	-0.17	4.87
Global Inc Inc	34.58	36.40	-0.11	3.29
Global Inc Acc	53.14	55.94	-0.12	3.29
High Inc Inc	180.20	190.70	-0.08	3.65
High Inc Acc	243.03	257.19	-0.13	3.65
Japan Inc	130.34	137.90	-0.75	
Latin Amer Inc	54.40	57.56	-4.21	
Mlasia Inc Inc	67.91	71.85	-1.03	2.40
Mlasia Gwth Inc	63.24	66.91	-0.96	0.35
North Amer Inc	276.40	290.84†	-8.01	
North Amer Acc	276.77	291.19	-8.01	
Pacific Inc	44.96	47.15	-0.31	0.26
Prop Share Inc	103.68	109.71	-0.54	1.16
Special Sit Inc	197.05	208.16†	-1.26	0.72
Special Sit Acc	225.19	238.30	-1.46	0.72
Tech Inc	827.79	872.65†	-19.76	
Tech Acc	827.79	872.66	-19.78	
UK Blue Chip Inc	125.61	132.96	+0.68	2.29
UK Blue Chip Acc	151.20	159.57	+0.82	2.29
UK Emg Co Inc	96.29	104.09	-0.80	0.60
UK Gwth Inc	79.11	82.66	-0.54	0.87
World Port Inc #	96.30	101.87†	-0.52	1.88
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2988.00	3106.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5968				
Resid Property #	109.60	116.50	-0.20	5.50
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	115.66	122.72	-0.41	1.74
Income Builder Inc	107.76	111.64†	-0.28	2.83
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
General Def Pens	155.00	161.00		2.00
Fixed Int Def Pens	89.04	92.50	-2.30	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American Sm Cos	471.60	501.20	-12.10	
Bond	128.90	133.40	-0.30	6.31
Brit Smlr Cos	127.20	135.30	1.09	1.82
Europe	444.50	471.30	-2.40	
Euro Smlr Cos	145.70	155.00	-0.30	
High Income #	77.60	82.55†	-0.19	4.90
Income	478.80	509.40†	-2.00	3.40
Japan	243.60	257.50	1.20	
Latin American	88.27	93.90†	-1.30	
Pacific	56.11	59.72	-1.20	1.21
UK Smlr Cos	75.45	80.27	-0.29	0.90
Japanese Sm Cos	409.60	420.80	-2.80	
Mngd Fd	264.80	280.90	-0.60	1.90
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	466.70	493.50		0.71
Capital Gwth	190.30	201.30		2.09
Worldw Opps	261.40	276.50		0.79
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
Customer Help Desk 0131 572 4000				
Income Funds				
Cash	101.10	101.10		6.72
Cash Acc	134.70	134.70		6.72
Income #	790.50	843.30	+5.00	3.50
Income Builder #	90.89	96.79	+0.38	4.06
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	121.60	129.40	-0.80	1.04
5th	623.30	670.80	-10.00	1.37
General	458.60	490.40	-2.10	1.10
Property	268.80	283.40†		5.97
Insider	321.30	343.50	+1.60	1.19
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	207.09	221.30	-0.60	1.22
FTSE 100	146.70	155.70†	-1.90	1.42
Growth Acc	639.16	679.90	-8.20	1.07
Smaller Cos	72.92	77.67	0.94	1.58
Smaller Cos Acc	87.70	93.55	-1.13	1.58
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	261.70	276.30†	-7.10	
American Growth	178.10	188.80	-4.90	
Japan	79.16	84.20	-0.39	
Japan Acc	80.67	85.17	-0.39	
Japan Spec Sits	36.95	39.10	-0.12	
Worldwide	234.70	249.10	-0.60	0.55
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	50.95	52.71†	-0.12	6.39
Mgd Growth & Inc #	50.75	53.76	+0.15	4.99
Managed Growth	53.23	55.59	-0.14	0.60
Barclays Clerical Investor Funds				
Brokerline 0800 626 262				
Income Funds				
Distribution A	140.60	141.30†	+0.10	4.57
Equity Income #	192.10	204.90	+0.60	3.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	65.49	67.81†	-0.01	6.62
Intl Fxd Int	100.90	106.30	-0.30	4.10
Intl Fxd Int Acc	133.30	137.80	-0.40	4.20
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	592.00	632.70	+2.20	1.12
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Growth & Inc	602.00	643.50	+2.40	1.16
Growth & Inc Acc	1310	1400	+5.00	1.16
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	300.10	317.60	-2.20	0.47
Euro Growth Acc	329.70	347.80	-2.40	0.47
Far Eastern Gwth	77.07	81.99†	-1.50	1.10
Far East Gth Acc	132.00	140.40	-2.60	1.10
Customer Service Centre (0800) 7834567				
X2 Gth Wld Gth	96.20	96.87		
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	209.20	220.80	-5.90	..
Amer Smlr Cos	161.70	171.60	-5.70	
Eastern	114.70	124.50	-1.30	0.30
Equity Income #	133.90	142.70	+0.70	3.60
European Growth	652.50	693.20	+3.00	0.40
Europe	563.30	601.80†	-6.80	0.50
German Growth	171.50	181.70	-0.50	0.50
Global Bond	77.33	81.37	-0.16	5.10
Global Growth	210.70	223.70	-1.80	0.18
Japan Growth	102.50	108.60	-0.60	
Japan Sunrise	73.56	77.80	-0.14	
Korea Trust	19.75	20.92	-0.61	
Portfolio	196.40	208.70	-6.10	1.80
-do- Accum	381.30	405.20	-0.30	1.80
UK Growth	154.30	164.30†	-1.50	1.30
UK Smaller Cos	167.30	190.70†	-2.20	1.00
Select Managers	105.70	112.80	-1.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	108.30	115.20	-3.90	..
Special Opps Inc	49.05	52.18	-2.44	...
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	205.15	213.89	-2.17	0.50
-do- Accum	243.45	253.58	-2.57	0.50
Smaller Cos	229.52	239.08†	-2.40	0.04
-do- Accum	261.01	271.88	-2.73	0.04
Higher Yield #	78.16	81.42	-0.60	3.24
-do- Accum #	129.62	135.02	-1.09	3.24
American Gth Inc	148.23	154.41	-3.86	
European Growth	258.66	269.44	+2.69	
-do- Accum	264.29	275.20	+2.75	
Mngd Portfo Inc	65.37	68.10	-0.29	1.30
-do- Accum	68.83	71.70	-0.30	1.30
Intl Spec Opps	226.89	236.35	-1.87	
Pacific Gth	77.01	80.22	-2.95	0.92
UK General #	137.04	142.75	-1.51	2.28
-do- Accum #	154.60	161.05	-1.71	2.28
Japan	35.36	36.83	-0.35	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	114.23	118.38†	-0.10	6.95
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.00	65.84	-0.03	6.35
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	256.40	271.30†	-1.10	1.19
UK Growth	305.40	320.60	-1.70	1.26
UK Income	209.90	219.30	+0.70	3.70
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	306.90	325.30	+0.90	1.05
-do- Income Dist	175.00	186.10	+0.20	2.66
-do- Accum	598.80	634.70	+0.80	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int	45.42	47.74	-0.29	4.55
Growth Units	371.00	396.00	+2.20	1.46
Bond	197.50	207.70	-0.50	5.60
Intl Growth	249.60	265.40	-2.40	0.12
North American	363.20	385.40	-9.50	
Far East	128.00	139.00	-2.20	1.53
UK Smaller Cos	328.90	351.80†	-3.30	0.82
European	141.30	150.40	-0.50	0.43
Japanese Growth	25.77	27.15	-0.44	
High Income	308.80	329.60	+0.50	2.60
Eurogrowth Plus	249.26	265.17†	+0.50	0.09
Portfolio	105.82	112.57†	-0.04	1.07
UK Income Inc	130.63	138.97	+0.65	3.40
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	320.50	339.30	-9.30	
European Inc	159.00	168.90	+1.80	0.01
Smaller Cos (4-11)	133.90	142.50	-1.50	1.40
Growth	787.50	837.80	-7.20	1.81
Income & Growth #	641.20	682.20	+3.30	3.93
-do- Accum #	1020.90	1086.10	+5.10	3.93
Japan & Gen	41.90	44.26	-0.51	..
Hallmark Gwth	1647.00	1716.00	-8.00	1.23
-do- Accum	2061.00	2168.00	-6.00	1.23
Special Sits	181.90	193.60	-0.50	1.54
High Yield	2063.00	2127.00†	+7.00	3.65
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	125.61	133.52	-0.06	2.17
American Portfolio	178.86	189.43†	-3.86	0.41
European Portfolio	218.41	231.93	-0.41	0.27
High Income	56.89	59.87†	-0.41	6.31
Japanese Portfolio	40.19	42.57†	-0.44	
Pacific Portfolio	86.59	92.04†	-2.01	1.54
UK Equity	129.28	137.91	+0.84	2.62
UK Equity & Bd	72.98	77.26	-0.01	4.93
UK Smlr Cos	65.69	70.26	-0.61	1.62
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1078.75	1095.05		3.17
Inv Fd Acc	1132.39	1149.51		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	166.27	168.95		7.58
Fxd Int Sec Acc	186.88	187.62		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	1044.46	1060.24		3.25
Investment Acc	5111.71	5188.97		
Fixed Int Inc	138.74	139.30		7.47
Fixed Int Acc	287.00	288.16		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
CF Intl Acc	102.35	107.63		5.74
City Fin Fd	39.16	42.31†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	228.03	242.59†		0.61
City Fin Assets	98.44	104.42		2.78
City Fin Intl	92.45	98.35†		
Friars Hse Cap	428.24	453.45		2.08
Buckley Wrld Grth	139.74	148.12		
Unibos Fd	92.81	94.63†	+0.29	2.75
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	40.72	43.20	-1.39	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	110.25	117.29	-3.05	
Dragon Growth	34.86	37.28	-0.29	2.67
Equity High Inc #	129.20	136.71†	-0.78	4.03
-do- Accum #	197.57	209.06	-1.19	4.03
Extra Income Inc	30.05	31.63	-0.03	5.22
Extra Income Acc	35.80	37.69	-0.04	5.22
European Gwth	107.90	114.18	-1.43	
Evergreen	38.92	41.62	-0.27	
General Equity	150.80	159.16	-0.77	1.92
Japan Growth	28.87	30.71	-0.13	
Pedigree Gwth	98.41	104.13	+0.07	1.29
Ped Sm Cos Inc	52.89	55.97	-0.61	1
-do- Accum	57.18	60.51	0.66	1
Retirement Inc #	37.53	39.93	+0.11	4.51
Special Sits	65.19	70.10	-0.16	1.95
UK & Overseas	74.93	79.29	-0.57	0.33
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	91.58	95.39	-0.19	2.92
Capital	116.80	121.66	+0.15	1.59
High Income	58.54	60.97†	-0.08	6.23
Top 50	83.84	87.33	+0.70	1.63
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	265.64	276.98	-0.01	3.66
Long Gilt	54.96	57.20	-0.39	4.66
Monthly Inc Plus	64.82	67.53	-0.18	6.63
-do- Accum	80.68	84.05	-0.22	6.63
Preference Share	64.83	67.54	-0.21	5.77
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	190.81	198.78	-0.26	4.85
Managed Fund	90.67	94.46	-0.12	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	60.57	63.10	-0.55	1.00
-do- Accum	73.04	76.09	-0.67	1.00
UK & General	135.63	141.30	+0.90	1.97
-do- Accum	182.80	190.52	+1.22	1.97
UK Growth	269.82	281.09	+1.44	1.25
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	356.80	371.79	+2.57	
Far Eastern Grth	73.24	76.30	-1.05	0.44
Global Bond	71.83	74.83	-0.19	5.12
Japan Growth	70.90	73.86	-0.64	
North Amer Grth	346.55	361.03	-9.56	
Oriental Growth	41.64	43.38	-0.75	1.50
Worldwide Growth	90.23	94.00	-0.49	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.50	92.50	+0.02	6.77
Homeowner Fund	110.92	118.01	-0.10	1.95
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	49.01	52.22		2.47
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	225.80	240.00†	+1.10	1.60
UK Eqty Inc	97.00	103.19	+0.61	3.31
European Growth	118.00	124.90	+1.10	
UK Spec Sits	253.50	269.70	-2.30	1.75
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1418.00	1441.00		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	108.00	114.40	-1.20	0.27
Followship Tst	143.30	152.40	-0.90	0.88
Income #	382.29	406.50†	+1.30	3.29
-do- Accum #	1071.00	1139.00	+3.00	3.39
Smaller Cos	290.70	309.20	-3.00	0.60
-do- Accum	364.70	387.90	-3.50	0.60
Gth Portfolio	137.00	145.70	+0.10	1.04
Mthly Inc Port #	113.30	120.50	+0.40	3.24
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1985.30	2017.40		0.46
UK Small Cos	2741.10	2857.40		3.09
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	321.30	331.30†		2.17
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers 0171 956 7354 Client Helpline 0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smllr Cos	224.66	239.00	-5.44	
Asian Growth	128.06	136.23	-2.32	0.40
Bond Income	112.68	116.70†	-0.07	6.25
European	312.85	332.60†	+0.70	0.12
European Prfv	151.96	161.65	+0.41	0.67
European Special	236.87	251.98	-2.48	
Gilt Yield	132.66	139.96	-0.35	6.10
Global Eqty Inc	148.67	157.83	-0.06	1.36
High Yield #	221.18	235.29	-1.22	3.87
Japan	249.31	265.22	-3.30	
Japanese Special	123.40	131.27	-1.44	
Money Market	105.15	105.15	+0.01	
North American	164.97	175.48	-4.57	
Smaller Cos	192.91	205.22†	-2.01	0.75
Smllr Cos Div	82.66	87.93†	-0.63	4.76
Tomorrows Co Ex	1356.00	1374.00	-8.00	0.11
UK Equity Growth	72.31	76.92		0.58
UK Index Inc	474.81	477.19†	-2.15	2.48
Global Income	260.99	279.11†	-1.17	3.24
Formerly Thornton				
European	530.11	555.08	-0.49	0.31
Europe Bd	39.19	40.79	-0.66	6.97
Exempt	974.30	1014.33	-2.75	1.73
Global Em Mkts	61.56	64.46	-2.92	0.50
Japan Tst	55.70	58.32†	-1.00	
Little Dragons	49.90	52.25†	-1.60	
Nth Amer Gwth	460.15	481.83		0.54
Oriental Income #	29.59	30.98	0.41	3.94
Preference	163.91	171.63	-0.41	7.82
Tiger	134.76	141.10†	-2.08	
UK Blue Chip	124.47	130.33		1.05
UK Growth	943.94	988.41	+2.03	1.35
UK High Yield #	160.55	168.11	-0.91	3.88
UK Mid-Cap	507.77	531.69	-4.70	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div #	102.38	107.20	-0.65	5.21
UK Smlr Cos	171.45	179.52	-2.37	0.81
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
European	95.85	101.50	-0.30	
Financial	83.09	88.28	+0.09	1.13
UK Growth #	413.40	439.70	-3.10	1.99
UK Income #	247.00	262.40†	-2.10	3.24
International	480.10	510.10	-6.00	
Intl Cap Inc	127.70	136.20	-0.30	1.98
Latin American	27.90	29.64	-1.81	
Mod Gwth Port	111.20	116.20	-1.70	0.60
Pacific	49.65	52.75	-1.01	
Port High Inc	28.57	30.30	-0.10	5.94
Tokyo	122.30	129.40	-3.20	
UK Smaller Cos	339.80	361.00†	-3.80	0.97
Japan Sm Cos	205.70	217.50	-7.20	
Nth Amer	615.60	651.20	-22.20	
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	366.40	385.70		0.16
Income	737.40	776.20		4.00
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	280.00	297.90		0.97
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	145.41	153.06†	+0.15	1.25
Ethical Tst	59.95	63.10	-0.99	0.73
Far Eastern	179.61	189.27	-1.87	2.22
High Income	196.68	207.03†	-0.20	3.46
UK Index Tracking	74.14	78.04	+0.35	2.17
Intl Growth	138.83	146.14	-0.91	1.91
North American	205.63	216.86	-3.38	1.36
Pelican	189.30	208.79	-0.57	2.37
Smaller Cos	89.82	94.55†	-0.82	1.57
Special Sits	106.84	112.46	-0.56	2.44
Tst of Inv Tsts	274.82	289.28	-1.84	1.35
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	197.81	209.88	-3.30	
Fd of Inv Tsts	69.98	74.25	-0.89	0.11
High Income #	51.76	54.88	-0.31	9.11
War & Gl Opps	65.27	69.84	-1.46	
Zero Preference	52.53	55.74†	-0.04	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	139.90	148.80†	+0.10	1.70
Charities Eth	395.20	420.40†	-3.40	2.06
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		7.00
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	26.00		-0.06	4.36
Strategic Inc ‡				
Income Funds				
High Income	34.33	35.98	-0.05	4.37
Income Plus #	195.30	207.70	+0.89	3.68
European Income ‡				
Moneybuilder Gwth #	45.60	46.13	-0.20	2.91
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	18.17	19.33	-0.05	
American	480.00	519.20	-13.30	
Amer Spec Sits	253.00	263.70	-7.20	
Japan Smaller Cos ‡				
European	368.20	391.60	-1.20	0.27
European Opps	141.80	150.70	-0.50	0.37
Global Prv	45.24	48.11	-0.37	0.17
UK Growth	183.00	194.60	+0.30	1.00
Growth & Inc #	261.10	277.70	-1.30	2.86
Intl PEP	67.460	71.730	0.33	0.96
Japan Spec Sits	51.88	54.90	-0.61	
Japan	128.20	135.70	-1.20	
Managed Intl	475.10	504.90	-6.70	0.59
Moneybuilder Plus	86.63	87.45	0.72	0.30
Recovery	80.340	85.960	-0.84	2.14
South E Asia	111.60	118.80	-0.70	1.76
Special Sits	1113.00	1184.00	-3.00	0.95
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	125.91	125.91	+0.02	7.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	185.50	187.10		1.47
Finsbury Prt Inc #	117.60	118.40†	-0.40	5.15
Cap Plnto	211.40	212.70	-3.10	0.23
General Opps	189.70	191.60†		2.78
Growth Inc	53.77	54.48†	+0.07	1.01
Private Portfolio	666.20	671.50		1.17
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 396 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	249.50	265.30	-0.60	..
High Income	23.64	25.31†	-0.16	6.89
UK Smll Cos	39.90	42.61	0.36	1.61
US Smaller Cos	569.20	604.90	-14.80	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	121.30	128.40	-3.40	
-do- Accum	121.30	128.40	-3.40	
Amer Smlr Cos	812.70	865.80	-25.40	
-do- Accum	830.30	884.50	-26.00	
Capital Tst	505.50	538.60	-5.90	1.26
-do- Accum	756.50	804.80	-8.70	1.26
Coml Smlr Cos	90.55	96.76†	-0.80	
-do- Accum	97.20	103.80†	-0.90	
Convertible	167.50	178.20†	-4.60	5.83
-do- Accum	397.30	422.70†	-2.20	5.83
Emerging Markets	46.11	49.26	-1.59	0.07
-do- Accum	46.51	49.69	-1.60	0.07
European	243.90	259.40†	+1.90	
-do- Accum	258.30	274.70†	+2.00	
Extra Income	532.00	566.00	-1.90	3.99
-do- Accum	886.10	942.70	-3.10	3.99
Financial	289.40	307.90	-2.10	0.38
-do- Accum	311.10	330.90	-2.30	0.38
Gilt Trust	64.18	66.17	-0.41	6.69
-do- Accum	108.80	112.00	-0.60	6.69
Health Fund Inc	273.10	290.50†	-7.90	
-do- Accum	273.10	290.50†	-7.90	
Income & Growth	303.50	322.90†	+1.40	3.77
-do- Accum	511.60	544.30†	+2.40	3.77
Intl Growth	524.60	557.70	-2.60	
-do- Accum	582.50	619.30	-2.90	
Japan & Gen	101.00	106.70	-1.20	
-do- Accum	102.00	107.80	-1.20	
Monthly Inc #	267.60	284.70†	+1.00	3.81
-do- Accum #	284.00	302.10†	+1.00	3.81
Managed Port Inc	145.10	152.70	-0.80	1.52
-do- Accum	161.60	170.10	-0.80	1.52
Quarterly Income #	71.86	76.81†	-0.15	4.50
-do- Accum #	88.54	94.64†	-0.20	4.50
UK Growth	88.32	93.96†	+0.36	1.20
-do- Accum	98.82	105.10†	-0.40	1.20
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	90.53	96.51	-2.35	
FP Am Smlr Cos	221.60	236.30	-5.70	
FP Asian Growth	120.50	128.50†	-1.50	
FP Australian	369.10	393.70	-8.90	
FP Equity Dist	640.40	683.00†	-3.80	1.43
-do- Accum	1472.00	1570.00	+6.00	1.43
FP Euro Gth	496.60	529.70	+2.80	
-do- Accum	544.20	580.40	+3.00	
FP Intl Bond	59.01	62.44	-0.08	3.89
FP Intl Gth Dist	49.67	52.98	-0.16	
-do- Accum	73.22	78.10	-0.23	
FP Pac Basin Acc	136.80	145.90	-1.60	0.29
FP Income #	80.15	85.49†	+0.20	3.94
-do- Accum #	303.30	323.50	+0.80	3.94
FP Jap Smllr Cos	145.90	155.60	-1.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	94.79	101.10†	+0.30	4.50
FP Stg Deposit	101.00	101.00		6.55
FP Tokyo	55.84	59.56	-0.37	
FP UK Focus	59.72	63.70	+0.47	1.03
FP UK Growth	283.00	301.80	+2.30	0.93
-do- Accum	587.10	626.20	+4.80	0.93
Stewardship Dist	563.90	601.40†	-4.90	1.21
-do- Accum	726.80	775.20	-6.00	1.21
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	87.78	93.63†	-0.51	4.01
-do- Accum #	130.30	138.90	-0.70	4.01
Stwdshp Intern	184.80	197.10	-1.30	
-do- Accum	199.00	212.20	-1.40	..
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	142.00	142.70†	+0.40	2.27
Inst Ethical Ac #	147.70	148.40	-0.40	2.27
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	165.20	175.70†	-3.80	0.47
Open Cap Gth Acc	164.30	174.70	-2.70	
Cap Gth Inc In #	146.50	155.80	-1.60	2.44
Cap Gth Inc Ac #	160.50	170.70	-2.80	2.44
Opn Cp Gth Ic In #	151.40	161.00	-1.90	3.25
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	168.90	179.60	-2.10	3.25
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	414.70	436.50†	-4.20	1.07
Cash	49.59	50.34†	+0.01	6.33
Income Portfolio	93.20	98.11†	-0.84	2.31
GA Equity Gth	305.80	326.30	-4.00	0.84
GA European Gth	209.60	222.20	-1.60	
GA Japan Gth	65.46	69.23	-0.66	
GA Nth Amer Gth	348.70	367.00	-8.90	
GA Intl Gth	155.90	165.10	-1.70	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
American Smlr Cos	269.40	286.20	-6.60	0.12
European Gth	1084.00	1149.00	-10.00	0.14
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	67.69	71.62	+0.06	2.59
-do- Accum	79.59	84.20	+0.06	2.59
High Yield #	57.53	60.78†	-0.15	6.45
-do- Accum #	70.42	74.40	-0.19	6.45
Income Inc	271.60	290.50	+0.60	2.94
-do- Accum	325.10	347.70	+0.70	3.94
Intl Growth	421.80	447.00	-4.10	1.85
Intl Income	132.10	139.60†	-1.10	1.83
Japan Growth	373.20	395.00	-1.20	0.03
Orient Acc	97.17	103.90	-0.90	0.29
UK Blue Chip Inc	272.90	291.50	+1.30	1.04
UK Blue Chip Acc	495.40	529.30	+2.40	1.04
UK Sm Coc Div Acc	100.80	107.80	-0.80	1.08
US Growth	270.50	285.90	-7.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	83.38	88.81	-0.30	1.29
Practical Inv Inc #	156.75	167.65	-1.18	2.87
-do- Accum #	391.44	418.65	-2.94	2.87
UK Index	253.72	264.59	+2.16	2.27
UK Smaller Cos	308.92	330.40	-3.73	1.01
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	27.02	28.00	+0.01	6.75
High Income	48.61	51.81†	+0.16	3.71
UK Growth & Inc	221.47	235.87	-0.47	2.68
Global Bond	27.67	28.68†	-0.40	5.58
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	36.29	38.81	-1.52	
Global Managed	169.13	179.28	-2.00	0.57
Gold & Intl Res	84.37	88.84†	-1.88	
Global Utilities	213.76	227.70†	-1.23	1.30
Overseas Funds				
American	267.70	283.33†	-7.38	
European	217.88	231.66	+0.99	0.46
Euro Sel Opps	363.98	387.40	+1.07	
Amer Emerging	207.68	221.29	-6.36	
Hong Kong	89.98	96.08	-0.69	4.38
Japan	121.17	128.09	-0.79	
Pacific Growth	112.53	120.35†	-1.20	1.49
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	158.75	158.75†	+0.02	6.77
Managed Equity	324.13	324.13	-0.70	1.45
Long Term Bal	342.04	342.04	+0.51	2.36
Med Term Bal	281.07	281.07	+0.10	2.82
UK Equity	420.55	420.55†	-2.06	1.17
UK Emerging Cos	223.85	223.85†	-2.07	1.65
American	457.01	457.01	-11.53	0.25
Asia	76.30	76.30	-0.68	
European	560.96	560.96	+4.39	0.81
Index Linked Gilt	228.51	228.51†	-0.31	2.31
Fixed Interest	216.09	216.09†	-1.36	6.07
Amer Emerging	464.11	464.11	-17.41	
Pacific	98.82	98.82†	-1.46	2.37
Emerging Mkts	106.53	106.53	-4.00	1.37
Index Sltd Japan	80.55	80.55	-0.50	0.56
-do- Pacific Rim	89.03	89.03	-1.30	4.61
-do- Cont Europe	300.61	300.61	-1.64	1.21
Index Sltd USA	290.19	290.19	-7.43	1.03
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	153.31	163.09	+2.36	
Med Term Bal	135.63	144.28	+0.06	
Long Term Bal	154.61	164.47	+1.82	
UK Equity	196.35	209.52	+1.62	
UK Emerging Cos	105.58	112.63	-1.04	
American	212.72	226.29	-5.72	
Japan	35.51	38.03	-0.35	
European	234.32	249.17	+1.96	
Fixed Interest	112.85	120.05	-0.70	
Index Linked Gilt	102.32	108.85		0.14
Deposit	95.74	102.91	+0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Gwth Intl	187.15	197.00	-2.90	0.43
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	894.34		-16.56	
-do- Accum ‡	1015.17		-18.79	
European Gth Inc ‡	246.10		-5.71	0.23
Amalgam Inc	205.42	216.67	-3.31	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	613.49		-9.79	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	279.07		-5.14	0.52
-do- Accum ‡	313.95		-5.36	0.52
UK Divid Inc ‡	391.67		-3.25	0.99
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 625 5606				
European	897.10	955.90†	+6.10	
Gilt & Fixed	148.40	157.40	-0.90	4.76
Growth Equity	566.40	605.10†	-1.90	0.88
Income Trust	205.50	219.50†	-3.80	3.19
International	249.90	266.90	-1.30	
Japan Trust	75.85	81.03	-0.46	
Nth American	485.70	517.40	-15.20	
Pacific	256.50	267.60	-4.80	1.22
Guardian	814.70	870.40	+3.40	0.98
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	100.28	104.09†	-0.22	4.28
Global High Inc	92.43	95.92	-0.40	5.17
Stg Bond Pflo	119.95	124.50	-0.63	5.29
Csh Used Pflo	147.89	157.24	-0.24	3.89
European Pflo	203.04	215.75	-2.06	
World Sltts Pflo	95.49	101.52	-0.20	
UK Eq Inc Pflo	200.96	213.67†	-0.69	2.54
-do- Accum	312.28	332.03	-1.07	2.54
UK Opps	587.20	624.40†	-2.90	1.92
-do- Accum	731.70	770.60	-3.60	1.92
Sl Vnc High Inc	109.96	172.50	-0.06	4.60
UK Emerg Cos	334.80	355.99†	-4.80	2.81
Inst UK Sm Co	429.30	436.30	-4.50	5.43
Glob Prv Tst	159.74	169.84	-0.06	1.23
-do- Accum	167.25	177.31	-0.07	1.23
Inc Share Tst	131.34	129.65†	-1.07	5.56
HK & China Tst	52.03	55.32	-0.56	2.06
Blue Chip Pflo	346.26	369.16	+2.48	1.13
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	74.87	79.19	-0.19	2.22
Balanced Acc	82.47	87.46	-0.21	2.22
Growth	48.30	49.10	-0.33	1.18
Growth Acc	48.94	51.89	-0.34	1.18
Income	42.64	45.22†	+0.25	3.26
Income Acc	48.28	51.20	+0.28	3.26
Accumulation Tst	38.85	42.10	+0.37	2.35
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 690 230 Dealing 01277 690 412				
UK Prtf Acc	65.26	69.24†	-0.71	3.20
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries 0645 454949 Dealing 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	510.41	546.13	-2.77	
Best of British	100.81	106.30†	+0.30	1.41
UK Smaller Cos	225.47	240.37	2.36	0.10
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth ‡	417.48	444.60†	+2.58	2.07
-do- Accum ‡	1241.75	1328.96	+10.71	2.07
High Income	472.14	504.71	-1.75	3.75
Extra Income ‡	390.29	415.59†	-0.46	4.56
Pref & Bond	61.52	64.62	-0.07	6.40
International				
Ethical	172.05	184.96	-1.74	1.66
Eurotrack	381.81	405.37	-3.79	0.15
Global Bond	53.22	56.01†	-0.36	5.90
Intl Port Tst	126.79	134.52†		1.65
Global Tech	326.15	345.48†	-8.42	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	112.88	120.70†	-1.13	1.47
European	1018.47	1078.87	-8.15	0.05
European Income #	144.94	153.29	+1.40	2.38
Euro Smllr Cos	296.09	316.58	-4.29	..
European Value	138.70	148.93	-0.74	
-do- Accum	149.23	158.79	-0.79	
Japan Enter	106.76	113.20	-0.68	
Japan Smllr Cos	96.30	102.24	-0.67	
Pacific Smllr Cos	136.44	145.46	-2.21	
North American	460.05	496.06	-13.56	
American Smaller	239.51	254.53	6.10	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	176.69	185.01†	-1.08	1.57
Capital	263.32	275.73	+0.91	0.96
Dollar	727.04	761.29	-21.38	..
Enterprise Gth	594.07	622.06	-2.64	0.60
European	434.84	455.33	+1.53	
Far East	142.96	149.70	-3.03	1.23
Financial	1590.89	1665.85	-2.39	1.23
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.73	30.92	-0.08	5.35
High Yield	152.14	159.31†	-1.19	3.75
Income & Growth	228.34	239.10	+1.62	3.47
International	375.75	393.46	-1.16	0.43
Japanese General	126.85	132.82	-1.68	
Japan Tech	58.95	61.73	-0.42	
Ntrl Resources	51.78	54.21	-1.31	1.34
Portfolio	108.21	113.31	-0.70	2.99
Special Sits	296.64	310.52	-0.45	1.36
UK Emerging Cos	160.12	167.66	-1.52	0.83
US Smaller Cos	191.65	200.68†	-5.24	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	893.40	953.50	+3.60	3.85
UK Growth	972.90	1037	-7.00	1.25
High Income #	161.40	172.20†		4.84
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	887.50	937.90	-22.60	
European Gwth	253.70	270.30	-0.30	
Japan Gwth	181.70	193.10	-1.50	
Japan Smllr Cos	16.45	17.56	-0.09	
Asian	25.08	26.77	-0.19	0.75
Sing & Malay Gwth	24.36	26.00†	-0.65	
Hong Kong Gwth	104.00	110.80	-0.20	1.92
Global Bond	21.25	22.38	-0.12	4.38
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	238.50	239.70	-1.20	2.37
Trade Index	163.50	167.70	-1.40	2.01
THE FOOTSIE FUND	94.65	95.13†	-0.94	1.70
Index Funds-International				
American Index	437.00	439.20	-17.90	0.40
Eurotrack 100	311.70	313.30	+2.20	0.75
Japan Index	42.98	43.20	-0.38	0.43
Tiger Index	63.26	64.71	-1.38	3.92
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	58.99	62.65	-0.64	1.06
General Funds				
Managed Dist	111.70	116.60†	-0.60	0.86
Managed	116.80	121.90†	-0.60	0.86
Rupert Child Fnd	153.20	159.80	-0.50	0.87
UK Growth	96.28	100.60†	+0.30	0.93
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	121.70	127.10	+0.20	4.19
Gilt & Fixed Int #	29.83	30.82†	-0.48	7.03
UK Inc & Gwth	68.08	71.10	-0.33	2.08
UK Income #	529.80	553.30	+2.90	3.10
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	82.21	86.06	-2.91	
Amer Smlr Cos	190.10	198.10†	-5.20	
-do- Accum	192.10	200.20†	-5.10	
Europe Gth	430.40	448.00	+1.80	
-do- Accum	445.80	464.10	+1.90	
Euro Smaller Cos	78.13	81.34	-0.70	
French Growth	150.70	156.20	+1.40	0.40
-do- Accum	163.10	169.10	+1.60	0.40
H Kong & China	67.20	70.02	0.02	1.94
Intl Growth	83.91	87.31	-0.16	0.47
-do- Accum	85.61	89.08	-0.20	0.47
Japan Gth	17.22	17.95†	-0.15	
-do- Accum	17.22	17.95†	-0.15	
Japan Smaller Cos	18.34	19.14	-0.06	
Glob Emg Mkts	72.84	76.07	-2.72	0.04
-do- Accum	73.36	76.62	-2.72	0.04
SE Asia	140.50	146.70	-1.20	1.77
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.70	52.77†	-0.16	5.70
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	153.60	162.50	+1.20	2.63
UK Growth	161.30	170.70	-1.30	0.81
European Growth	147.30	156.20†	+0.80	0.16
Slater Growth	282.40	298.80	-4.60	1.43
New Japan	56.47	59.91	-0.57	
Global Growth	113.80	120.40	-2.00	
Monthly Inc #	99.72	104.53†	-0.25	7.21
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	148.90	158.30	-7.30	
Income #	312.77	332.72	-1.19	3.61
UK Growth	122.95	130.79	-0.19	1.63
Intl Growth	107.93	114.81	-1.31	
Ecology	139.78	148.16†	-2.04	0.51
European	315.11	334.66	-1.03	0.39
Far Eastern	202.20	215.00	..	
UK Special Sits	82.58	88.05†	-0.42	0.30
Fd of Inv Tsts	68.64	73.21	-0.54	0.37
High Income #	69.74	74.38†	+0.19	4.44
Financial Opps	73.17	78.04	-0.08	0.10
Growth & Income #	57.60	61.42	+0.12	2.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8800				
Bridge Income #	421.20	448.08†	+0.88	3.97
Esk Growth	144.41	153.63	-7.13	0.44
Inc & Growth	99.64	106.00	-0.46	2.93
Smaller Cos	138.25	147.07	-1.65	1.15
Evrs Spec Sit Inc	76.13	80.99†	-0.95	1.59
Evrs Spec Sit Acc	81.08	86.26†	-1.02	1.59
Penelope Growth	61.41	65.33	0.54	1.96
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	620.50	658.40	+1.40	1.29
UK Inc/Gth #	648.90	698.50	+4.02	3.13
UK Income #	459.50	487.50†	+0.80	4.04
UK Income Acc #	475.60	504.60†	-0.90	4.04
UK Sm Cos	399.30	427.00	-3.30	1.86
Euro Gwth	249.70	265.00	-0.70	0.26
N Amer Gwth	166.50	176.00	-2.10	
Pacific Growth	4.77	5.01†	0.07	0.35
Emg Mkts Gwth	56.49	62.06	-2.19	
Japan Growth	38.36	40.70	-0.38	
Dealing 01277 942626				
Gwth Port Inc	90.03	95.21	-1.28	0.49
Gwth Port Acc	91.97	97.28	-1.31	0.48
Inc Port Inc	83.83	89.65†	-1.04	3.07
Inc Port Acc	97.87	103.45†	-1.27	2.93
Venice Port	67.33	71.64	-0.97	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries 01222 448412 Dealing 01222 683512				
Equity Dist	832.30	892.30	-3.90	1.72
-do- Accum	1769.00	1769.00	-8.00	1.72
Equity Income #	136.50	136.50	+0.70	3.99
UK Tactical Alloc	90.52	90.52†	-1.07	5.81
European	227.00	227.00	+1.00	0.04
Far Eastern	128.70	128.70	-1.50	
Fixed Interest	61.01	61.01†	-0.15	6.90
Gilt	101.40	101.40†	0.70	5.71
Global Growth	91.31	91.31†	-0.42	0.07
Intl Bond	49.45	49.45	0.26	4.75
Japanese	46.89	46.89	-0.32	
North American	318.40	318.40	-8.70	0.07
Pacific Growth	56.16	56.16†	-0.70	1.32
Pacific Index	22.97	22.97	-0.32	4.27
UK Index	108.80	108.80†	+0.50	2.22
UK Recovery	160.70	160.70†	-0.30	1.03
UK Smaller Cos	222.00	222.00	-2.50	0.70
US Index	126.50	126.50	-3.40	0.59
European Index	145.90	145.90	+0.80	0.60
Japan Index	21.97	21.97	-0.16	0.05
Worldwide	125.20	125.20†	-0.20	1.01
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 623				
Growth	79.13	84.63†	+0.37	2.00
Income	91.51	97.87	-0.32	3.50
Far East	23.39	25.01	-0.36	1.00
North American	177.60	189.00	-4.60	
Global	104.60	111.80	-0.70	0.35
European	173.20	184.70	+1.20	0.25
Japan	54.93	58.53	-0.45	
Intl Currency Bd	56.16	59.55	-0.24	4.62
SE Asia	41.83	44.73	-0.84	1.66
UK Cap Growth	145.10	155.10	+0.50	1.27
Recovery Trust	116.70	124.80†	-1.50	2.77
Managed	84.72	90.60	-0.35	1.31
Cash	51.12	51.12	+0.01	6.72
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk 01634 834 339 Dealing 01634 834 313				
Balanced	574.20	610.90	+2.20	1.70
-do- Accum	1407.00	1497.00	-6.00	1.70
Comd Euro Gth	123.40	129.90	-0.30	0.17
-do- Accum	133.60	140.70	-0.30	0.17
Extra Inc #	395.10	420.40†	-2.60	3.56
Extra Inc Acc #	1154.00	1228.00	-7.00	3.56
FTSE 100 Inc	178.50	189.90	+1.90	1.78
FTSE 100 Acc	190.10	202.30	+2.00	1.78
German Gth	236.60	249.10	-0.70	0.08
-do- Accum	248.20	261.30	-0.80	0.08
Growth Port	884.40	940.90	-2.20	0.44
-do- Accum	951.45	990.90	-2.40	0.44
High Interest Inc	113.10	118.30†	-0.10	6.35
High Interest Acc	133.50	138.40	-0.10	6.36
Hi Reserve Inc	132.10	141.60†	-0.60	4.83
Hi Reserve Acc	157.90	167.10	-0.70	4.83
Income Inc #	781.70	831.60	-3.30	3.13
Income Acc #	2324.00	2475.00	-12.00	3.12
Income Port	738.60	785.80	-2.80	3.60
-do- Accum	878.60	934.90	-3.40	3.60
Japan Growth	66.04	70.26	-0.67	
-do- Accum	66.27	70.50	-0.67	
Master Trust	84.77	90.19†	-1.74	1.24
-do- Accum	101.10	107.60	+0.10	1.24
Millennium Acc	131.10	140.90		1.58
N American Sm	361.60	384.70	-11.60	0.50
-do- Accum	418.50	445.30	-13.60	0.50
N Am Sm Co Acc	235.00	250.00	-5.80	
-do- Accum	239.80	255.20	-5.90	
Pacific Basin	119.70	126.30	-2.30	1.15
-do- Accum	127.90	136.10	-2.50	1.15
[illegible]	122.40	129.90	-0.60	1.16
[illegible]	129.15			
Small Cos Acc	663.50	698.80	-8.50	1.70
-do- Accum	938.70	986.70	-11.80	1.70
UK Eq Gth	233.10	248.00	-1.50	2.05
UK Eq Inc #	182.50	194.20	-1.30	3.17
UK Growth	149.80	159.40	-0.60	1.44
-do- Accum	192.00	204.30	+0.80	1.44
Worldwide Gth	456.00	485.30	-0.80	0.36
-do- Accum	675.00	718.10	-1.20	0.36
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	152.81	162.95†	+0.62	2.00
Income	104.29	111.83	-0.77	3.50
International	87.29	93.65†	-1.14	0.30
Tst of Inv Tsts	99.27	106.51	1.33	0.60
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 01245 390 390				
American	661.30	698.90	-22.70	0.69
-do- Accum	830.70	876.90	-28.50	0.69
Amer Recovery	778.20	821.70†	-24.20	0.34
-do- Accum	900.90	951.20†	-28.00	0.34
Amer Smlr Cos	174.30	183.90	-4.70	
-do- Accum	178.10	187.90	-4.80	
Australasian	165.40	172.80	2.30	2.61
-do- Accum	210.90	220.20	2.80	2.61
Blue Chip #	96.60	97.08	+1.30	3.24
-do- Accum #	298.40	300.05	-4.03	3.24
British Opps	78.70	83.20	-0.40	2.28
-do- Accum	286.20	302.60	-1.50	2.28
Capital	1261.30	1333.70	-7.90	2.27
-do- Accum	1555.70	1645.10	+3.50	2.27
Charifund #	1089.60	1100.50	-4.40	4.43
-do- Accum #	6131.00	6192.40	+24.70	4.43
Commodity	294.00	310.90	-5.80	1.64
-do- Accum	436.50	461.50	-8.70	1.64
Corporate Bond	29.90	30.02†	-0.16	5.90
Dividend	59.50	62.90†	+0.30	3.93
-do- Accum	284.00	300.40†	+1.50	3.93
Equity Income #	440.60	465.90	-0.80	4.32
-do- Accum #	652.10	690.20	-1.20	4.32
European	1001.30	1058.90	-5.80	0.40
-do- Accum	1292.40	1366.70	-7.40	0.40
Euro Dividend #	122.90	130.00	-0.60	2.78
-do- Accum #	162.40	171.80	+0.80	2.78
Euro Smlr Cos	81.00	85.70†	-0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	81.30	86.00†	+0.30	0.50
Extra Income #	636.00	672.60	+3.90	4.39
-do- Accum #	2271.10	2401.90	+14.00	4.39
Fund of Inv Tsts	895.10	946.60†	-7.50	1.05
-do- Accum	1763.00	1864.50†	-14.60	1.05
Gilt Income	71.35	73.47	-0.44	5.20
-do- Accum	237.11	237.51	-1.48	5.20
Gold	32.40	34.30	-0.80	0.80
-do- Accum	39.20	41.30	-1.00	0.80
High Interest	25.13	25.13†		7.24
Income #	45.00	47.60†	-0.30	3.85
-do- Accum #	206.60	218.70†	-1.40	3.85
Intl Growth	97.20	102.80	-0.60	0.78
-do- Accum	173.10	183.10	-1.10	0.78
International Inc #	137.30	145.20	-0.40	3.83
-do- Accum #	230.40	243.80	-0.60	3.83
Japan	20.61	21.70†	0.10	0.06
-do- Accum	22.10	23.30†	0.10	0.06
Japan Smlr Cos	76.70	81.00	-0.50	0.06
-do- Accum	77.20	81.50	-0.60	0.06
Managed Gwth (-3)	32.30	32.50		1.31
Managed Income #	36.60	38.96†	+0.17	3.92
Pension Ex	1484.50	1521.70	-8.80	2.85
Recovery	64.70	68.40	+0.20	2.42
-do- Accum	115.00	121.60	-0.40	2.42
Smaller Cos	84.30	89.10	-0.70	1.69
-do- Accum	181.30	191.80	-1.50	1.69
Sth East Asia	177.10	187.30	-2.40	3.40
-do- Accum	240.50	254.40	-3.20	3.40
Trustee #	57.80	61.10†	+0.40	4.10
-do- Accum #	266.10	281.60†	+1.90	4.10
UK Equity #	90.30	95.50	-0.60	3.46
-do- Accum #	258.20	273.20	-1.80	3.46
UK Growth	1556.30	1644.70	+10.00	1.53
-do- Accum	1773.10	1874.90	-11.30	1.53
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing 01277 261 010 Enq 01903 204 631				
European Growth	168.97	179.75	-3.23	0.30
Intl Bond	62.52	65.66†	-0.23	3.51
Intl Equity Growth	104.17	110.57†	-0.74	0.54
N Amer Growth	193.42	205.15	-5.38	0.39
Special Sits Growth	39.95	42.49	-0.04	1.46
UK Growth	647.41	688.73	-1.00	1.95
-do- Accum	919.95	978.66	-1.42	1.95
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1601.60	1623.60†		2.60
Income #	1339.50	1358.90		3.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	220.60	236.20†		3
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 615 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	118.40	126.30	-1.90	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	108.60	112.00†	+0.20	5.85
Investment Pflo	227.80	234.90	+0.10	1.64
-do- Accum	278.10	286.80	+0.20	1.64
UK Select Pflo	220.70	227.50†	+1.80	1.38
-do- Accum	275.70	284.30†	+2.30	1.38
UK 100 Cos	171.10	171.10	+2.10	1.44
-do- Accum	178.50	178.50	+2.10	1.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 380 060				
Managed Tst	84.40	89.79		3.27
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	106.80	113.40†	-0.10	3.77
European	157.00	166.70	+0.90	0.20
Income #	112.70	119.60†	+0.60	3.35
Nth American	113.40	120.40†	-4.40	0.19
Far East	107.40	114.09†	-1.40	
Japan	45.73	48.12	-0.50	
Emerging Mkts	66.67	71.30	-1.88	0.81
Intl Growth	144.40	153.30	-2.00	0.75
UK Growth	163.90	174.00		1.56
UK Smlr Co	75.95	80.63†	-0.56	1.50
Asia Pacific	19.82	21.20†	-0.38	0.14
Glob Gwth PEP	78.23	83.04	-0.73	0.58
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	119.30	127.00	-2.20	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	664.15	706.54	+1.98	2.65
Global Inc	103.15	109.73	+0.27	2.22
Brit Leaders Inc	506.45	538.78	-3.44	1.72
Intl Leaders	306.58	326.15	-2.30	0.32
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing 0800 445522				
American	414.40	426.80	-11.40	
-do- Accum	443.10	467.00	-12.20	
American Opps	149.30	158.20	3.80	
-do- Accum	151.20	160.20	3.90	
Bal Port	120.50	127.70	-0.10	2.33
-do- Accum	153.80	163.00	-0.10	2.33
British Blue Chip	137.30	145.80	-0.900	2.26
-do- Accum	182.80	194.10	+1.200	2.26
Cash	100.90	100.90		6.96
-do- Accum	161.39	181.39	+0.100	6.96
Emerging Mkts	102.10	109.80†	-3.30	0.28
-do- Accum	103.60	111.40†	-3.30	0.28
European Growth	526.30	556.60	-2.400	0.10
-do- Accum	574.50	607.50	-2.500	0.10
General	789.30	837.10	+2.400	1.86
-do- Accum	1662.00	1765.00	+6.000	1.86
Global Bond	131.10	137.70	0.20	4.36
-do- Accum	186.40	195.80	0.20	4.36
Gold & General	108.00	116.00†	-2.90	0.55
-do- Accum	111.70	120.10†	3.00	0.55
Govt Securities	104.70	107.90†	-0.20	4.63
-do- Accum	241.50	249.00†	-0.50	4.63
High Yield Bd	114.10	116.90†	-0.20	5.30
-do- Accum	132.60	135.90†	-0.30	5.30
Income	259.80	276.50†	-0.300	3.44
-do- Accum	457.10	486.60†	+0.600	3.44
Inc Portfolio #	141.40	149.70	-0.10	4.71
-do- Accum #	165.00	174.70	-0.20	4.71
Intl Opps	680.90	726.20†	-3.80	0.70
-do- Accum	931.10	993.00†	-5.20	0.70
Japan	113.70	120.80	-1.00	
-do- Accum	116.70	124.10	-0.90	
New Europe	348.90	372.00	-0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	367.90	392.40	-0.40	0.50
Pacific	48.61	51.86	-0.24	0.42
-do- Accum	52.44	55.94	-0.25	0.42
Recovery	609.30	649.90†	-12.20	1.43
-do- Accum	826.50	881.60†	-16.40	1.43
UK Smaller Cos	82.25	87.73	-0.86	1.35
-do- Accum	96.47	102.90	-1.00	1.35
Managed Gth	153.40	160.30†	-0.50	1.59
Managed Inc	148.60	154.20†	-0.10	3.58
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm				
Balanced	86.77	90.86	+0.12	2.08
-do- Accum	98.94	103.60	+0.10	2.08
British Tst	148.70	155.70	+1.50	1.16
-do- Accum	184.60	193.30	+1.80	1.16
Corp Bond Inc	109.60	113.80	-0.30	5.74
-do- Accum	125.00	127.50	-0.40	5.74
Extra High Inc #	94.98	99.46	+0.13	5.41
-do- Accum #	221.50	231.90	+0.70	5.41
FTSE 100 Acc	104.30	109.20	+1.00	1.70
FTSE 100 Dist	95.13	99.61	-0.98	1.70
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.48	63.98†	-0.06	5.64
-do- Accum	213.00	222.60†	-1.60	5.64
High Yield #	326.30	341.70	-0.50	5.14
-do- Accum #	979.70	1026	-2.40	5.14
Household Names	133.70	139.40	-0.80	1.14
Income #	452.60	473.90	+1.90	3.32
-do- Accum #	1117	1170	-5.00	3.37
Money Market UT	49.56	49.56	+0.01	6.52
-do- Accum	90.27	90.27	+0.02	6.52
Monthly Income	130.80	136.10†	0.10	3.58
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	192.40	204.70	-2.00	1.61
European Growth	229.70	240.50	-7.80	
Gilt & Fixed	121.60	129.00	-0.90	5.41
Income	152.10	161.80	+0.70	3.10
Japan Growth	27.33	28.97	-1.14	
Managed	107.70	114.60	0.50	2.09
Money Market	105.20	111.50		5.78
North American	159.20	167.50	-1.60	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	174.40	185.50	+1.50	1.62
European Growth	215.30	229.20	-7.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.70	119.60	-0.70	5.42
Income	149.90	158.40	+0.70	3.10
Japan Growth	27.47	29.11	-1.13	
Managed	102.80	109.40	-0.40	2.09
Money Market	96.91	102.70		6.78
North American	141.40	149.90	1.40	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	171.50	182.70	+0.60	1.63
European Growth	209.80	222.40	-7.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.99	106.00	-0.50	5.59
Income	144.60	154.00	+0.70	3.10
Japan Growth	28.90	29.58	-1.15	
Managed	106.60	113.40	-0.10	2.08
Money Market	95.86	102.07	+0.07	5.79
North American	157.60	167.10	-1.60	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers 0171 545 7474 Enquiries 0171 545 7171				
American Gwth	672.10	711.20	-21.80	
European Gth Inc	818.60	867.80†	-3.30	
-do- Accum	827.50	877.30†	+1.40	
Intl Gwth	296.70	314.00†	-3.80	
UK Equity Inc	300.90	318.10	-1.80	2.33
Do Accum	429.70	456.70	-2.60	2.33
UK Growth Inc	183.60	196.70	-0.40	2.45
-do- Accum	192.70	205.90	-0.40	2.45
UK Eq Trckr Inc	273.80	291.60	-1.40	2.20
-do- Accum	350.20	373.00	-1.80	2.20
US Eq Inc Trk Inc	418.80	442.70†	12.50	0.72
Japan Tracker	38.86	40.99	-0.29	
Asian Tracker	92.72	100.40		0.65
Mngr Ptfolio Inc	240.40	255.50†	-0.30	1.40
Mngr Ptfolio Acc	270.40	287.40†	-0.30	1.40
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	-0.01	6.82
Europe	320.60	342.60	-1.90	
Genesis	209.50	222.00	-1.10	1.98
High Income	21.86	23.16	+0.16	10.00
Japan Growth	66.79	71.35	-0.75	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
American Growth	78.74	80.55	-2.32	
Equity Income #	142.50	146.50†	-1.00	3.32
European	132.90	135.50	+1.10	
Smaller Cos	114.00	116.40†	-1.40	0.57
W'wide Eqty	93.67	95.63	-0.67	
Global Bond	41.44	41.98†	-0.07	4.43
UK Growth	151.70	156.90	+0.90	0.97
Pacific Growth	56.21	56.79	-0.38	2.93
Japan Growth	76.03	77.28	-0.32	
OEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	52.07	‡	+0.20	3.38
Portfolio Inc A ‡	51.81	‡	+0.19	3.38
Gilt Acc A ‡	52.54	‡	+0.02	5.92
Gilt Inc A ‡	51.99	‡	+0.03	5.92
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	216.17	229.97	-1.56	1.60
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	165.10	173.80†	-4.50	0.01
European Dist	247.90	260.90†	-1.80	0.13
Far East Dist	94.30	99.26	1.48	0.06
Global Care Dist	118.20	124.40†	-0.80	0.08
Oscar Dist	1168.50	1231.00	7.60	0.18
-do- Accum	1521.50	1601.60	-10.10	0.18
UK Dist	595.40	626.70†	+3.50	1.10
-do- Accum	1247.60	1313.30	+7.50	1.10
UK Extra Inc Dist	127.50	134.20	+0.60	2.02
Wrldw Dist	132.30	139.30	-0.20	0.11
Wrldw Inc Dist	105.60	111.20	-0.20	1.48
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq 0870 603 9188				
Europe Inc	126.77	133.79	+0.67	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	84.85	89.55†	-0.33	0.84
North America Inc	87.67	92.53†	-2.37	
UK Equity Gth Inc	100.85	106.44†	-0.01	0.92
-do- Accum	112.59	118.83	+0.04	0.92
UK General Inc	92.40	97.52	+0.31	1.05
-do- Accum	105.53	111.38	-0.35	1.05
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	50.98	53.69	-0.27	5.74
UK Income Inc	91.19	96.24†	+0.20	1.61
UK Smll Cos Inc	168.47	177.90	-1.78	1.12
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 0800 614 330 Dealing 0500 440 000				
American	72.34	76.95	-2.61	
-do- Accum	72.91	77.56	-2.63	
Intl Bond	140.11	146.73†	0.67	4.45
Cash Income	50.33	50.33†		6.78
-do- Accum	74.95	74.35†	+0.01	6.78
Challenger	102.55	105.94	-0.80	1.41
Distributor	150.35	159.94†	+0.45	1.93
European	101.99	108.40†	-0.85	
Eqty H-Gth	108.24	108.32	-0.18	2.23
Foundation	151.26	160.91	-0.05	0.77
Managed Inc	293.20	311.93	-1.73	0.88
Managed Acc	300.39	319.56	-1.77	0.88
Growth Inc	195.08	207.53	-0.10	0.77
Growth Acc	204.60	217.65	-0.10	0.77
Higher Income Inc #	47.43	50.45	+0.04	4.11
-do- Accum #	61.24	65.14	+0.05	4.11
High Yield Bond #	103.22	107.75†	-0.20	6.83
Income	406.71	432.66	-0.44	1.82
International	189.81	197.71†	-0.23	0.92
Intl Gwth	47.76	50.80	-0.92	
Japan	20.11	21.39	-0.20	
Oriental Inc	81.60	86.80	-0.71	0.61
-do- Accum	84.80	90	-0.71	0.61
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	62.46	63.42	-0.23	5.10
UK Growth	160.10	163.00		2.21
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Mosaic Trust	176.86	186.17	-0.34	1.13
UK Equity	239.14	251.73	-1.60	2.02
UK Equity Income #	209.91	220.96†	-0.92	4.18
UK Smaller Cos	200.56	211.14	-1.87	1.12
UK Equity Growth	219.14	230.67	-0.06	0.44
UK Index Trckg	238.65	251.87	-0.01	2.01
Intl Index Trckg	208.86	220.45	-3.98	0.54
International	339.77	357.60	-2.14	0.87
European	417.62	439.65	-2.29	0.08
Pan European	253.27	266.60†	-1.59	0.82
Nth American	332.41	349.91†	-9.69	0.32
N Amer Smlr Cos	378.02	397.92	-5.81	
Japanese	58.48	61.56†	-0.49	1.18
Pacific	130.93	137.82†	-0.95	2.64
South East Asian	130.25	137.10	-0.25	3.32
Sterling Bond	113.74	119.73	-0.69	5.56
Intl Bond	123.60	130.00	-0.48	3.39
Gilt & Convertible	120.93	127.29†	-4.41	5.56
Property	96.38	101.87†	-0.03	4.63
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	548.30	586.20†	-2.30	0.32
-do- Accum	584.10	624.70†	-2.40	0.32
Japan Inc	62.31	65.99	-0.29	
Nth American Inc	235.20	248.70	-7.60	
Worldwide Inc	237.30	251.80	-2.60	
HK & China Inc	94.66	101.20	-0.70	2.48
Swiss Equities Inc	144.00	153.60	+1.10	
Wrldwde Bond Inc	69.08	72.97	-0.28	6.70
Emging Asia Inc	75.04	80.97	-2.37	4.03
-do- Accum	75.61	81.58	-2.39	4.03
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.34	50.34†	+0.01	6.65
Thailand Inc	23.91	26.21	-0.43	0.64
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	94.14	100.60	+0.10	0.32
Latin Am Cmp Inc	64.20	68.82	-3.82	0.71
UK All Sh Mid Inc	99.23	100.70	+0.60	1.58
Broker Unit Trusts				
Wray Global Blue	101.10	107.60	-1.10	0.46
Global Portfolio	87.32	93.39†	-1.23	
Wray Global Res	76.71	81.61†	-1.11	
Marsh Global Grn	71.48	75.80	-0.03	
AMR Bar Gwth Inc	158.10	168.50	-0.90	0.58
Temple Equity Inc	57.73	61.97	-0.77	0.65
Henley Growth	189.70	201.80	-2.00	0.96
IPS Portfolio Inc	122.10	129.20	-1.70	
UFC Growth	81.62	86.37	-0.62	0.25
Chantfield Port of Fds	58.87	62.46		0.12
Pyg Intl Equity	32.16	38.57	-0.89	0.19
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg 0800 626 577 Enq 01733 470 470				
Equity	390.10	415.00†	+2.00	1.17
-do- Accum	884.40	940.80	+4.60	1.17
Growth	254.90	268.30†	+1.00	1.52
Income	376.90	401.00	+2.20	2.98
Intl Equity	345.40	367.40	-1.30	0.11
-do- Accum	387.90	412.60	-1.50	0.11
Equity Income #	102.40	108.30	+2.00	4.21
Equity Growth	133.70	142.20	+0.80	1.00
New Europe	166.60	177.20	+0.50	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	846.00	902.53	-5.60	0.38
-do- Accum	854.74	911.87	-5.65	0.38
Income #	634.18	677.69	-0.77	3.09
Wrwide Recovery	562.66	600.85	-4.81	0.28
Amer Growth Inc	394.68	419.14	-6.87	0.01
-do- Accum	394.68	419.14	-6.87	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	341.14	364.86	-2.94	0.09
Far E Gth Inc	184.66	197.50	-2.41	1.67
-do- Accum	188.38	201.48	-2.46	1.67
Euro Gwth Inc	310.23	330.63	-0.29	0.01
-do- Accum	311.31	331.78	-0.29	0.01
UK Growth Inc	158.51	169.39	+0.16	1.93
-do- Accum	177.53	189.72	+0.17	1.93
High Income #	165.43	176.70	-0.18	3.50
Jap Gwth Inc	120.87	129.26	-0.23	0.09
-do- Accum	120.87	129.26	-0.23	0.09
PEP Bond	69.37	72.49	-0.23	7.18
PEP Growth	189.42	202.10	1.04	0.40
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	59.46	63.60	1.27	0.38
-do- Accum	60.00	64.18	-1.28	0.38
Amer Smll Co Inc	264.12	281.23	3.94	0.01
-do- Accum	264.12	281.23	3.94	0.01
Global Bond	54.34	57.82	-0.32	4.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	143.23	153.19	-1.35	1.45
-do- Accum	155.14	165.92	-1.47	1.45
Lat Am Gwth Inc	33.12	35.42†	-1.22	0.84
-do- Accum	33.65	35.99	-1.24	0.84
World Inc PEP #	51.75	54.77†	-0.23	3.27
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	180.02	191.51†	-0.86	
European	150.24	159.83	-4.30	
Global	49.46	52.62	-1.21	
Pacific	31.90	33.84†	-1.03	
UK Inc & Grth	112.61	119.80	-1.48	1.05
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg 0171 588 6890				
Asia	31.09	32.73	-1.33	
Emerg Mkts	36.69	38.62	-0.79	0.44
Euro Fund	65.87	69.34	7.64	
Fund of Funds	242.40	255.20	-3.90	0.02
High Income #	66.17	69.65†	-0.39	4.99
Performance	59.87	63.14	-1.04	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	269.30	288.00	-3.20	0.33
Dividend	144.20	154.20	-1.20	3.13
Intl Gth & Inc	315.80	335.70	-6.00	
UK & Gen	68.36	73.11	-0.51	0.17
Fund of Funds	90.68	96.87	-1.77	
Prem Bal Growth	82.96	86.39	-1.22	0.06
Enterprise	139.80	147.20†	-2.30	1.60
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	227.75	236.16	+0.23	2.00
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing 0345 406000 Client Enq 0345 839500				
Managed Tst	52.96	54.88	-0.06	1.88
Cash Haven Inc	101.36	101.86†	+0.02	6.45
Cash Haven Acc	128.25	128.86	+0.02	6.45
Glbl Trust Inc	130.11	134.83	+0.08	4.56
Glbl Trust Acc	157.31	163.02	+0.09	4.56
Global Growth	126.81	134.80	-0.52	0.69
Equity Inc	114.82	122.15†	+0.32	3.49
Equity	1217.29	1295.10	+8.38	1.29
European	439.74	455.69†	+0.18	0.20
High Income	114.38	121.68†	+0.28	4.50
Intl Gth	253.02	269.17	-0.99	0.82
Intl Sm Co	105.80	112.58	-0.00	0.86
Japanese	108.43	112.15	-0.81	
Mgd Income Tst #	51.65	53.41†	-0.05	7.38
Nth Amer	341.84	353.72†	-9.47	0.59
Pacific Mkts	59.62	61.78	-0.52	2.80
Premier Inc	51.79	53.89	-0.78	6.66
Sm Cos	142.15	151.22†	-1.39	1.08
Spec Sits	169.74	180.57	+0.62	1.53
UK Growth	206.67	219.86	+1.40	1.25
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 568 8800				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	117.38	124.74	-3.51	2.81
Investment Trust	151.15	160.63	+1.53	0.31
UK Smaller Cos	144.01	153.04	-4.07	1.63
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	483.70	512.60	+3.60	2.10
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers 0171 623 1000 Client Services 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	26.91	28.10†		0.84
Cash	48.09	50.09†	-0.01	5.40
Emerging Mkts	39.00	40.72†	-1.10	
Europe	98.53	103.90†	-2.60	
Global Fixed Int #	50.22	52.48†	-0.02	4.75
Japan	26.41	27.58†	-0.35	
North America	94.47	98.66†		0.53
UK	93.99	98.16†	-1.17	
UK Equity Inc #	81.70	85.32†	1.00	2.64
UK Fixed Int #	56.36	58.86†		5.10
Portfolio Service PEP				
Independent Gwth	68.21	71.73	-1.03	
Independent Inc #	67.22	70.75	-0.76	2.46
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	25.93	‡	0.77	1.09
Asia Pacific ‡	25.51	‡	-0.77	1.54
Europe ‡	60.13	‡	-0.51	
Japan ‡	33.69	‡	-0.19	
Latin America ‡	22.03	‡	-1.51	0.25
North America ‡	54.75	‡		1.23
UK Eq Income #	56.53	‡	+0.28	4.26
UK Major Cos ‡	57.98	‡	-0.32	0.56
UK Smaller Cos ‡	67.34	‡	-0.50	0.48
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0870 601 6185 Dealing 0870 601 6083				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1600.00	1693.00	-9.00	1.14
Equity Income #	153.90	162.80†	-0.30	3.68
European	276.10	292.10	-0.40	
High Inc Bond	52.15	55.23†	-0.05	5.55
Portfolio	147.40	155.90	-0.30	1.19
UK Index Trckg	280.50	296.90†	+1.70	2.53
UK Leading Cos	118.10	124.90†	+1.20	1.59
UK Smaller Cos	170.10	180.00†	-1.00	0.97
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	232.00	245.40	-1.00	2.84
Intl Convertible	72.94	77.54	-0.44	3.72
Intl Growth	98.25	103.90	1.40	
Managed	240.60	258.70	-0.40	0.43
Pacific Basin	49.38	52.58	-0.57	0.73
United States	190.90	202.00	-5.80	0.26
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	105.40	111.50	-0.90	1.47
North America	275.30	294.40	-9.60	
Wrlde Bond	56.11	58.97	-0.30	5.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	274.80	291.40	-6.70	0.87
European Growth	272.20	289.40	-7.30	0.94
Far East Growth	73.21	77.89	-3.15	2.80
Japan Growth	73.66	78.35	-2.18	0.63
Special Sits	291.40	310.00	-4.60	1.77
UK Growth	145.60	154.80†	-2.10	1.96
Intl Growth	351.60	374.30	-8.60	1.51
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	86.77	91.82	-0.90	1.27
Gt Euro Prog Inc	646.50	684.10	-4.40	0.94
-do- Accum	1023.00	1082.00	-6.00	0.94
Growth Inc	201.00	212.70	-1.70	0.96
-do- Accum	207.00	219.00	-1.70	0.96
International Inc	535.70	566.90	-4.70	0.71
-do- Accum	743.10	786.30	-6.70	0.71
Nth Am & Intl Inc	526.60	557.20	-12.10	0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	382.40	404.70	-0.80	1.34
-do- Accum	450.00	476.20	-0.90	1.34
UK High Inc Inc	203.50	215.30	+0.90	3.64
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	151.15	160.80	-0.32	1.00
Global Bd	60.85	64.25	-0.01	5.00
UK Gwth	134.06	142.61	-0.58	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients 0800 829 100 Brokerline 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	182.70	194.40	-4.40	
Cash	147.50	147.50†		6.81
China Dragon	39.85	42.37†	-0.11	1.52
Commodity	96.47	102.60	-3.00	
Emerging Mkts	32.57	34.65†	-0.59	0.49
European Gwth	383.30	407.80	-4.30	
Euro Smlr Cos	108.70	115.60	-0.50	
Extra Income #	72.93	75.58†	-0.57	4.79
Far Eastern	57.04	60.68†	-0.87	
FE Sm Cos	30.76	32.72†	-0.19	0.34
Financial Secs	475.50	505.90	-9.20	0.44
Gold & Exploration	30.63	32.59	-0.88	..
Growth	619.00	622.10	-6.70	0.42
High Income	54.88	54.88†	-0.05	6.83
Intl Bond	157.70	166.70	-0.90	4.75
ITU	289.90	308.40	-6.50	0.50
Japan Growth	105.00	111.60	-0.80	
Japan Smaller	89.67	95.39†	-0.60	
Korea	12.56	13.36	-0.72	
Latin America	40.12	42.68	-2.49	0.47
Masterfund	82.82	88.24†	-0.23	0.75
Premier Eq Gth	252.90	269.00†	-3.60	0.79
Premier Eq Inc #	511.80	544.50†	-7.60	3.45
SE Asia	21.07	22.41†	-0.32	1.03
Southern Africa	42.53	45.24	+0.69	0.94
UK & O'seas	248.60	264.50†	-3.70	0.64
UK Eqty Gth	124.40	132.30	-1.90	0.83
UK Eqty Inc #	368.30	391.80	-4.50	3.51
UK Gth & Inc #	446.30	474.80	-0.80	2.16
UK Sm Cos	84.72	90.13	+0.32	0.17
US Growth	313.70	333.70	-9.30	
New Europe ‡	44.65		+2.59	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt 0800 526 535 Brkr 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	494.79	522.64†	-8.44	0.33
-do- Accum	551.51	582.56†	-9.40	0.33
European Gwth	140.83	148.94†	+0.94	0.34
Euro Smllr Cos	160.48	170.85†	-0.19	0.02
-do- Accum	162.79	173.32†	-0.19	0.02
Far Eastern Gth	64.80	69.20	-0.80	0.20
-do- Accum	66.20	70.60	-0.61	0.20
Gilt & Fixed Int #	59.00	62.15	-0.44	6.77
Global Bond #	44.64	46.12	-0.13	5.82
-do- Accum #	57.45	59.36	-0.16	5.82
Global Emer Mkts	38.53	41.09	-1.08	0.01
-do- Accum	38.66	41.23	-1.08	0.01
Income #	570.97	609.03	+2.51	3.94
-do- Accum #	2041.45	2177.54	+8.98	3.94
Japan Smllr Cos	179.82	191.80	-1.56	
-do- Accum	180.18	192.19	-1.56	
Japan Enterprise	40.13	42.80	-0.37	
Pacific Gwth	68.89	73.47	-0.75	1.32
-do- Accum	72.29	77.10	-0.78	1.32
Portfolio	116.44	123.65	+0.50	1.81
-do- Accum	132.34	140.53	+0.56	1.81
Scout	10.04	10.70†	-0.38	0.01
-do- Accum	10.04	10.70†	-0.39	0.72
Strategic Inc	123.43	131.35	-0.08	1.89
Strategic Acc	127.37	135.54	-0.08	1.89
Tokyo	88.11	93.98	-0.28	
-do- Accum	89.00	94.93	-0.28	
UK Enterprise	447.28	477.09†	-0.07	1.56
-do- Accum	574.42	612.71†	+4.10	1.56
UK Equity	415.32	443.00	+3.48	1.26
-do- Accum	864.35	921.96	+7.23	1.26
UK Smaller Cos	480.90	512.96†	-3.55	0.72
-do- Accum	580.39	619.08†	-4.29	0.72
US Smll Cos	351.97	375.18†	-5.49	
-do- Accum	351.97	375.18†	-5.49	
Institutional Funds				
European	454.91	471.34	+4.35	0.89
-do- Accum	520.74	539.55	+4.98	0.89
Euro Smllr Cos	50.42	52.52†	0.29	0.92
-do- Accum	55.21	57.50†	-0.32	0.92
Global Equity Inc	115.02	119.25	-1.53	0.96
Japan Smll Cos	18.08	18.83†	-0.19	0.31
-do- Accum	18.33	19.09†	-0.14	0.31
Mngd Balanced	271.24	282.37	-0.27	2.75
-do- Accum	331.20	344.78	-0.32	2.75
Overseas Equity	233.40	242.91	-0.78	0.86
-do- Accum	248.15	258.75†	-0.38	0.86
Oseas Smll Cos	138.12	143.87	-0.26	4.18
-do- Accum	147.83	153.99	-0.27	4.18
Pacific	124.79	129.97	-1.99	3.33
-do- Accum	142.20	148.12	-2.26	3.33
Recovery	3217.08	3351.12	-3.49	2.53
-do- Accum	3674.79	3827.91	-3.98	2.53
UK Index	260.76	271.62†	+0.42	2.42
-do- Accum	351.34	365.97†	-0.58	2.42
UK Small Cos	191.75	199.73	-1.44	2.14
-do- Accum	219.33	228.47	-1.64	2.14
US Smllr Cos	79.67	82.80	-1.34	0.56
-do- Accum	82.42	85.86	-1.39	0.56
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	83.64	88.45	-1.18	1.27
Equity Trust	111.17	117.56	-1.58	1.32
Equity Strategy	114.40	120.37	-1.48	1.14
European Opps	167.88	177.45	-2.63	0.27
UK Smaller Cos	102.12	107.99	-0.94	0.85
Moneymkt Inc	100.10	100.60		5.68
Japanese	41.29	43.77	-0.32	
Asia Pacific	59.84	63.28	0.47	1.97
American	232.40	252.12	-5.37	0.53
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	36.17	36.17		6.66
UK Eq Gwth Inc	84.55	90.11	-0.55	1.01
-do- Accum	117.63	125.30	-0.75	1.01
Intl Income	376.58	401.05	-1.02	1.17
-do- Accum	678.53	720.48	-3.46	1.17
European	169.36	178.75	-1.23	1.74
Japan	41.08	43.51		0.41
American	151.17	159.75	-1.68	0.41
Far East Tact	44.76	47.11	0.63	1.07
Ethical Inc	53.71	57.44	-0.51	1.32
-do- Accum	63.25	67.65	-0.66	1.32
UK Blue Chip Inc	56.33	60.15	-0.50	1.99
-do- Accum	70.40	75.05	-0.62	1.99
UK Equity Inc	59.44	63.37	-0.29	3.06
-do- Accum	91.15	97.44	-0.42	3.06
UK Global Inc	66.90	71.28	-0.04	1.22
-do- Accum	74.61	79.49	-0.04	1.22
Wrlde Tact	111.27	118.62	-0.67	0.92
Europ Tactical	123.20	131.41	-0.05	0.47
Technology	213.55	226.85	-5.20	0.31
Dist Inc	31.98	33.93	-0.07	4.95
-do- Accum	34.44	36.54	-0.07	4.95
UK Ext Inc Inc	27.48	29.04		6.80
-do- Accum	30.55	32.29		6.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	713.40	759.50	-5.10	1.81
American	497.00	529.50	-14.60	0.14
Pacific	241.00	257.40	-4.10	0.53
European	974.30	1035.00	-6.80	0.55
Worldwide	103.30	109.80	-1.10	0.35
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	458.60	487.80	-2.60	1.54
-do- Accum	626.90	666.90	-2.70	1.54
UK Str Co Eq Inc	319.90	340.30	-5.30	1.56
-do- Accum	403.70	429.40	-6.70	1.56
Select Opptys Inc	115.00	122.90†	-0.10	1.29
Income Plus Inc	120.90	126.03†	-0.36	3.14
European Inc	671.00	712.10†	-5.70	0.60
-do- Accum	779.40	826.70	-6.60	0.60
Far Eastern Inc	85.73	91.20†	-1.81	3.14
-do- Accum	100.70	107.10	-2.30	3.14
Japanese Inc	31.11	33.47†	-0.45	
Nth American Inc	486.60	515.60	-13.50	
-do- Accum	539.00	572.30	-15.00	
Intl Growth Inc	258.60	274.60	-1.20	0.48
Wrlde Venture Inc	115.70	122.80†	-0.70	0.35
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	608.60	642.90	7.90	1.59
-do- Accum	959.80	1014.00	-12.00	1.59
UK High Inc #	288.50	304.80	-3.20	3.29
-do- Accum #	466.80	493.20	-5.70	3.29
Europe Inc	767.50	810.90	+11.50	0.36
-do- Accum	817.90	864.10	+12.90	0.36
Nth Amer Inc	438.10	462.80	-11.20	
Global Inc	314.20	332.00	-7.30	0.22
Global Acc	341.10	360.40	-7.90	0.22
UK Spec Sits Inc	172.60	182.40	-2.00	1.65
Sth East Asia	86.34	91.22	-2.50	2.62
Cash Trust Inc	100.20	100.20		6.69
UK Smll Cos Inc	155.40	164.20	-1.10	1.52
-do- Accum	167.30	176.80	-1.16	1.52
Intl Bond Inc	90.02	94.95	-0.70	3.53
International	101.60	107.60	-3.50	0.12
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
European	253.30	266.60	+1.30	0.14
Nth American	188.30	198.20	-5.26	
Intl Bond & Conv	139.80	147.00	-0.10	5.44
Pooled Pension	319.30	343.30		1.85
Smaller Cos	164.80	173.50†	-2.60	0.73
UK General #	230.30	242.40	+0.70	1.77
Far Eastern	47.44	49.94	-1.12	1.18
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8826				
Continental	146.50	154.50	-0.50	0.70
Global Gwth	103.10	108.70	1.00	0.50
Inv Tst Port	74.11	79.24	1.16	1.80
Managed	1749.02	1827.84	-8.30	2.09
Fixd Int #	119.00	126.50	-0.30	6.00
Smaller Cos	349.50	371.80	-5.70	0.80
Ireland OE Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	124.56		-0.03	3.32
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.40		+0.02	7.37
Corporate Inc ‡	109.80		-0.25	6.38
Tal Pan ‡	55.66		-1.02	
Aztec ‡	65.78		-3.20	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	188.05		-6.10	
European ‡	258.72		+1.95	
Global Bond ‡	91.13		-0.49	6.73
Jamaica ‡	36.30		-0.33	
UK Growth ‡	141.38		+0.33	2.76
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	115.00		-1.54	2.69
Investment Trust ‡	140.57		-1.11	1.78
The Football Fd ‡	81.08		-0.49	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	109.75		-0.14	...
Dmark Reserve ‡	100.40		-0.08	4.02
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	637.40	673.50	+1.40	
Capital	192.00	203.30	-2.70	0.81
Cash	101.41	101.41	+0.05	6.50
European	239.90	253.80†	-6.20	
Far Eastern	107.60	113.80	-3.30	
Growth	234.00	247.60	-3.20	0.91
Income #	186.90	197.80	-1.30	4.76
Magnum	195.80	207.20	-2.50	0.92
Smlr Secs	848.50	897.80	-8.00	
Throughbred	229.30	242.60	-3.00	0.89
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dealing Desk 08000 276 2436				
UK Growth Acc	96.07	102.20	-0.40	1.47
Technology	92.00	97.38	-1.58	
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Cap/Fd Priority	69.97	72.13	-0.23	6.50
Ethical	107.40	114.80	-0.60	0.84
European Growth	128.40	136.10	-1.10	
Income #	79.72	85.26	-0.42	3.82
Intl Growth	129.16	136.80	-2.30	0.12
Managed	123.70	131.10	-0.20	0.16
UK Growth	93.28	99.76	-0.15	1.12
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	58.10	58.40	-0.90	1.33
Global Advtg Acc	63.99	64.31	-0.90	1.33
Income Advtg Inc	49.18	49.43†	-0.70	2.67
Income Advtg Acc	60.52	60.83	-0.90	2.67
UK Equity Gth Acc	157.00	166.50	-2.90	0.70
Premier Inc Inc	55.60	57.45†	-0.10	5.81
Premier Inc Acc	65.42	67.71	-0.10	5.81
Managed Acc	81.33	86.21	-1.30	1.28
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	57.62	61.08	-1.00	3.65
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	80.77	85.62	-1.40	3.65
UK Ethical	55.67	57.62	-0.70	0.81
UK Smll Cos Acc	77.18	81.82	-0.80	0.39
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	116.00	123.30	-1.50	1.04
UK Equity Gen Inc	81.13	86.21	-1.00	1.04
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	35.65	37.71	-0.10	5.26
Overs Lrg Co Acc	403.50	437.90	-10	1.73
Nth American Acc	80.11	85.12	-1.90	
Pacific Basin	23.47	24.94	-0.90	1.69
European Acc	86.37	91.77	-2.40	0.12
Japan Acc	17.61	18.72	-0.50	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global # (NZ$)	6.155	6.538		1.76
US Eqs (US$)	4.932	5.222		0.62
Far East Eqs (yen)	228.80	243.00		
FT Europe	255.20	270.12		0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	4.499	4.779		
FT Japan (yen)	125.20	132.30		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	1.749	1.857		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	662.70	689.70	-16.50	
British #	1802.70	1906.80	-6.50	2.03
Emerging Mkts	132.90	141.50	-4.60	1.05
Euro Gwth Inc	151.70	160.80	+0.60	
Euro Small Co	78.59	83.70	-0.10	
Japan	76.80	81.42	-0.60	
Asia Pacific	255.50	272.10	-8.30	2.12
-do- Accum	281.80	300.10	-9.10	2.12
Inv Trust Acc	387.20	410.40	-3.10	0.86
Mngd Equity	269.00	284.60	-0.50	1.72
Mngd Cash	96.44	96.44	-0.02	6.66
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Asia Pacific	11.61	12.38†	-0.22	1.58
Corp Bd Gth Inc	109.05	118.01	-0.07	5.87
Corp Bd & Gth Acc	123.86	131.77	-0.08	5.87
European	80.52	85.66†	+0.42	0.11
Japan	22.81	24.27†	-0.29	0.01
Managed Assets	183.75	195.52	-0.14	1.56
North American	66.58	70.83†	-1.58	0.13
Smll Co's Inc	50.15	53.35†	-0.25	1.26
Smll Co's Acc	56.29	59.88†	-0.29	1.26
UK Growth	90.73	96.52†	+0.56	1.25
UK Growth Acc	105.52	112.26†	-0.65	1.25
Extra Income #	61.50	65.78†	-0.26	3.37
Worldwide Gth	52.14	55.77	-0.24	0.25
For Sun Life see AXA Sun Life Fd Mngrs Ltd				
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	447.19	473.21	-13.96	
-do- Accum	497.55	521.72	-15.38	
Brit Growth	173.41	183.54	-2.02	1.25
-do- Accum	220.49	233.37	-2.56	1.25
European	199.56	211.17	-0.57	0.07
-do- Accum	213.15	225.56	-0.62	0.07
Extra Income #	292.09	309.10	-2.74	3.66
-do- Accum #	565.05	597.94	-5.28	3.66
Smaller Cos	116.59	123.37	-1.21	0.63
-do- Accum	134.90	142.76	-1.39	0.63
General	504.10	533.43	-4.03	1.54
-do- Accum	1101.61	1165.73	-8.81	1.54
Preferred Income	57.43	59.83	-0.02	5.19
-do- Accum	157.04	163.58	-0.06	5.19
Income #	525.90	556.51†	-4.32	3.33
-do- Accum #	1292.22	1367.43	+10.61	3.33
Pacific	202.25	214.02†	-3.56	0.14
-do- Accum	212.57	224.89†	-3.72	0.14
International	812.00	859.25	-2.65	0.43
-do- Accum	1074.09	1136.61	-3.49	0.43
Nat Resources	110.51	116.94	-2.66	0.73
Sectd Opps	186.52	197.37	-0.42	1.63
-do- Accum	246.62	260.99	-0.56	1.63
Environmental Inv	124.25	131.48	-0.65	0.96
Selector	101.64	107.77†	-0.39	1.37
-do- Accum	120.77	127.73†	-0.46	1.37
High Income #	94.18	99.67†	-0.06	3.50
-do- Accum #	137.91	145.83†	-2.32	3.50
Intl Income	65.36	69.17	-0.08	3.90
-do- Accum	92.00	97.35	-0.12	3.90
Selector Income	84.98	89.92	-0.10	3.40
-do- Accum	113.28	119.87	-0.13	3.40
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0800 435810				
British	577.80	608.21	+2.52	1.77
European	132.90	133.16	+1.69	1.14
TEMPLETON INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Templeton Funds (OEIC)				
Alpha Shares				
Growth Acc ‡	324.69			4.31
Growth Inc ‡	273.65			4.31
Balanced Acc ‡	272.97			5.42
Balanced Inc ‡	236.91			5.42
Value Acc ‡	309.29			3.23
Value Inc ‡	183.28			3.23
Beta Shares (£50,000 minimum)				
Growth Acc ‡	941.14			4.31
Growth Inc ‡	341.02			4.31
Balanced Acc ‡	955.65			5.42
Balanced Inc ‡	955.55			5.42
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 629 0862				
Capital	128.80	137.00	+1.20	0.45
International	90.91	96.64		
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
Client Serv 0800 0683000 Inter Serv 0800 0684000				
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Funds				
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	50.22	52.92†	0.15	0.50
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	55.21	57.81†	-0.03	1.87
Caut Mg Gth Acc	55.63	58.22†	-0.06	3.39
Managed Income	54.70	57.27†	-0.13	3.13
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	54.70		0.03	6.12
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]		-0.29	3.41
UK Growth ‡	[illegible]		-0.12	1.32
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	55.42		-0.25	1.54
UK Money Secs ‡	50.90		-0.02	7.10
UK Monthly Inc #	54.75		-0.29	7.04
UK Select Gwth ‡	61.75		-0.23	1.76
UK Smaller Cos ‡	[illegible]		-0.29	1.20
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	54.49		1.65	
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	55.65		1.64	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	54.07		1.60	
Asia Growth ‡	[illegible]		0.42	0.50
Emg Mkt Bd Fd #	[illegible]		-0.28	7.12
Europe Growth ‡	[illegible]		-0.09	
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	[illegible]		-0.46	
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	[illegible]		0.71	
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡	[illegible]		0.52	0.07
Global Bond ‡	[illegible]		-0.19	6.30
Jap Sel Gth Acc ‡	[illegible]		-0.47	
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	[illegible]		0.72	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	[illegible]		0.33	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	41.05		-2.12	
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£50,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]		-0.28	3.42
UK Growth ‡	[illegible]		-0.32	1.83
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	[illegible]		-0.25	2.07
UK Inc Gwth ‡	60.11		-0.18	2.15
UK Decaf Eqs ‡	58.42		-0.23	1.36
UK Select Gwth ‡	62.91		+0.24	1.80
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	64.70		-0.48	1.96
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	54.62		-1.62	
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	55.88		1.84	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	54.74		-1.61	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	54.62		-0.42	0.85
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	68.75		-0.07	0.42
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	68.34		-0.45	0.73
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	60.78		-0.73	0.73
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	25.32		-0.31	0.43
Global Bond ‡	52.41		-0.19	6.33
Japan Growth Acc ‡	31.25		-0.72	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	47.75		-0.40	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	41.16		-2.12	0.31
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	466.03	495.78	-2.75	3.27
UK Eqty Gwth	505.38	537.64	-2.60	1.29
European	286.10	304.30	-1.31	0.42
Nth American	120.09	127.75	-4.58	0.03
Far Eastern	46.45	49.41	-0.85	0.34
Money	77.49	77.40	-0.01	6.36
Fixed Interest #	95.02	100.36	-0.38	6.78
Index Linked Gilt	58.92	94.30	-0.14	1.18
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	114.64	114.64	-1.03	6.50
Pers Growth	144.32	144.32†		
Pers Inc Portfol	119.78	119.29†		
UK Index Tracking	163.07	163.67	-0.03	1.70
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	14.38	15.14†		
Pacific Basin	23.33	24.62		
Global Bond (US$)	0.9754	1.0160		
Family Share	45.61	49.01		
Japan Smlr Cos	27.22	28.65	..	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	133.00	134.40	-0.10	
US Gov Bd (US$)	0.8306	0.8392	-0.0001	
Gilt Income	53.15	54.00†	-0.21	6.00
Gilt Growth	93.15	94.60	-0.21	
Sterling Bond	53.76	54.66†	0.22	5.70
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	73.69	78.20	-0.44	1.54
UK Stockmarket	143.30	152.20	-1.40	1.89
Corporate Bd Inc	57.28	52.33	-0.034	5.49
Do Accum	59.19	58.22	0.34	5.49

Source: FT Information

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Small-town poetry in slow motion



DONALD COOPER

Time travellers: Bonaventura Bottone makes an heroic contribution as the mad scientist in Gavin Bryars's maxi-minimalist new opera, *Dr Ox's Experiment*

OPERA

Dr Ox's Experiment
Coliseum

When Gavin Bryars started composing his first stage work, *Medea* (1981-84), he had not, he tells us, seen any mainstream opera. *Medea* was written in collaboration with Robert Wilson, the idiosyncratic American director whose concept of "expanded time" — a polite term for slow motion — Bryars also alludes to in his helpful programme notes, though not of course in that sense. All of which makes Jules Verne's novel about Dr Ox's experimental speeding up of time in a sleepy little Belgian town a suitable case for the Bryars treatment, but it also raises certain problems for traditional opera-goers.

Blake Morrison has supplied a *smart, sassy libretto that could well* have done for Offenbach, who also had a go at *Dr Ox* (in 1877), and failed. But Bryars's slow-moving, maxi-minimalist musical language and his penchant for writing at the extreme upper range of the singing voice conspire to make it extremely difficult to articulate words, let alone point them in the way that Morrison's text presupposes. Potential customers should definitely get to the Coliseum in time to read the libretto included in the programme.

Then there is the problem of depicting the boredom of small-town life without being — um — boring. Bryars proceeds at his own "expanded time" pace, his basically tonal patterns burbling on perfectly pleasantly over slowly shifting chords. Occasionally there is a momentary *stringendo*, a suggestion of doubling the speed, but the music still moves at basically the same pulse. After about 60 minutes, someone sang "You have condemned me to everlasting torment", which got a nervous laugh even from this markedly well-disposed audience.

Atom Egoyan's production is little help. How far its style was dictated by financial stringency it is hard to say — Michael Levine's set consists of a few milk churns, a couple of ladders and countless balls of string — but the 19th-century bourgeois milieu suggested by novel and libretto is replaced by abstract medievalism. The combination of slow-motion direction and verbal cloudiness does not make the action clear, to put it mildly.

Younger audiences might think this *irrelevant, "culinary" even. Instead* they will revel, as I did in an abstracted, dopey kind of way, in the fastidious beauty of Bryars's instrumental textures, and his gift — uncommon today — for writing for the voice. The music for the four young lovers, two pairs of high sopranos and counter-tenors, is absolutely lovely, as are the final aria for one of them — the sweet-toned if wordless Valdine Anderson — and the moment of stasis before the explosive collapse of Dr Ox's experiment, with its succulent divided string sound and mysterious offstage cries. There is plenty to listen to in *Dr Ox*; whether it is in any sense operatic is quite another matter.

In the pit, James Holmes does full justice to Bryars's textures and loyally, energetically seeks to make the pulse work. Bonaventura Bottone in the somewhat shadowy title role, Riccardo Simonetti as his assistant, Della Jones, David James and Nicholas Folwell make heroic contributions. Go with an open (empty?) mind, and lie back.

RODNEY MILNES

Crispy bacon flavour

FRINGE THEATRE

Two award-winning truffles in London offer two *equally stark visions of* youths wildly out of synch with the worlds they inhabit. In Enda Walsh's **Disco Pigs** (Arts Theatre), boy and girl, dressed in silver lamé disco gear, live in a pigsty and speak a private language. Like *Clockwork Orange droogs,* they exude a modish sense of delinquent menace. They gabble, drink and dance, and violently repel anything that threatens their world.

Very gradually, tantalising snatches of Irish slang perforate the gibberish, hinting at something far closer to home. Pig, the boy, and Runt, the girl, it transpires, are not averse to making deep forays into Pork City — that is, the real world — where there are bus journeys, student discos and karaoke nights in local Provo pubs.

It is here, in these brief, aggressive clashes with real life, that the failings of their private world are shown up. Thinking their relationship is impregnable, Pig and Runt act like pathological adolescents in a splatter road movie. Plucking at his white T-shirt, Cillian Murphy's febrile Pig raps sensuously (and incomprehensibly) about a girl who seduces him on the dance floor. Moments later he is beating the daylights out of a man who makes a pass at Eileen Walsh's gawky Runt.

There is vigour and precision in the way Walsh cleverly *invents a language for these* emotionally stunted anarchists. But his play falls desperately short on drama. The real conflict is Pig's pathological need to keep Runt in this infantile bubble, and Runt's growing desire to prick it. *Strong performances make* this overrated contest more intriguing than it actually is. Too much style and too little sausagemeat for my liking.

The same cannot be said of Wolfgang Borchert's first and only play, **Outside on the Street** (Gate, W11), set in his home town, Hamburg, just after the Second World War. Borchert's shattered young hero, Beckmann, returns from Siberia without a kneecap, searching for reasons to live. Without means, he turns into an unwanted fixture on the streets of Hamburg, a limping guilt trip who cannot make the leap from the ugly truths of the war to the blancmange values everyone suddenly desires.

Thankfully, the playwright has a droller take on his Woyzeckian hero. Looking as if his scalp has been peeled by a potato knife, Sean Gallagher's Beckmann cuts a preposterous, anachronistic figure. Confronted by God, an old man with no hope, and Death, a cheerful fat Arthur Daley undertaker, Beckmann throws *himself into the River Elbe* only to be promptly spat out by Jenny Quayle's bored, contemptuous River for taking his problems far too seriously.

Whether he is trying to blame his nightmares on Max Hutcheon's crisp Colonel, or *seeking a job with Simeon* Defoe's fey cabaret director, nobody takes Beckmann's *Sturm und Drang* depression as seriously as he does.

Tom Fisher's award-winning translation makes you wonder why this 1947 play has been gathering dust for so long. It is a period gem, fabulously designed by Jane Singleton so that the audience spill on to the flagstone courtyard, lined with corrugated iron. It is also overlong. But Gordon Anderson's first-rate cast make you marvel at the callousness of people who simply want to forget.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER



Gem: Wolfgang Borchert's *Outside on the Street*

Canvassing our brightest talent

Richard Cork on the judging for this year's NatWest Prize for young painters



Top gear: Callum Innes, winner of the NatWest Art Prize

Ever since Paul Delaroche declared in the mid-19th century that "from today painting is dead", similar claims have been made as often as end-of-the-world prophecies. Delaroche made his apocalyptic pronouncement in response to the rise of photography. Today, the increasing use and availability of new technologies in art has triggered further gloom about painting's future.

Its obituaries, however, are premature. Witness the avalanche of submissions for the latest NatWest Art Prize, *which offers a top prize of* £26,000 and ten other awards of £1,000 each. Open to anyone aged 35 or under, it has become established over the past seven years as a national event, with the promise of a metropolitan showcase for the *11 finalists. And this year, the* assembled paintings offered the judges (including myself) a fascinating cross-section of the adventurous work still being produced in the age-old name of painting.

Some of the finalists are involved with the language of extreme abstraction, stressing the unconventional processes often employed to make paintings today. Jason Martin uses pieces of paper or plastic rather than a brush. He drags them through the wet pigment, furrowing the surface into undulating patterns. His recent experiments with acrylic gel on copper give his work a fierce optical shimmer, contrasting with the scribble technique in Alan Brooks's pictures. His large canvases look like hectic drawings, but his medium is oil, and he carefully copies blown-up projections of his small sketches. The outcome has the forcefulness of graffiti scrawled on a city wall, belying the deliberation of his method.

Alexis Harding is fascinated by the effects of chance. He pours gloss paint on an oil-painted surface of aluminium, canvas or wood. As the paint dries and dangles like stalactites from the picture's lower edges, it takes on an unpredictable identity suggestive of torn or rumpled curtains. This violence could hardly be further removed from the calm order of Sybille Berger's work. She organises her heraldic *paintings into horizontal* bands of colour with a sensuous passion, enabling her stripes to burn on the canvas.

Sue Arrowsmith is more subdued. With the aid of ink and ruler, she sends thin lines of colour plummeting like waterfalls down the fibreboard. Densely ranked, the vertical downpour seems from a distance like a delicate veil of spray. Callum Innes, by contrast, thrives on setting up oppositions within a painting. A horizontal oblong of sheer black, asserting its presence with an almost sculptural solidity, is juxtaposed with a vertical stream of vaporous pale brown. The outcome is rigorous and yet surprisingly sensual. Born in Edinburgh in 1962, Innes has never looked better. The judges' decision to give him the top award hails a young artist at his peak.

Presented with the winner's cheque by the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, last night, Innes is now one of the most widely admired painters of his generation. But Jeff Gibbons is far less familiar. Fired by locations as disparate as a balcony in Port Grimaud and a staircase outside the National Theatre, he starts depicting a recognisable scene only to break off, splashing the canvas with smears or blots and adding inscriptions in large, sprawling handwriting. He is as quirky, in his stubborn way, as Alexandra Baraitser. Her large, dream-like images take Roman ruins, carvings and fountains as their starting-point. But they are only a springboard for glistening, fruit-like images that surge up, inexplicably, from the base of the canvas.

The other three artists use images derived from the camera's lens. Luke Caulfield is fascinated by family snapshots, but there is nothing cosy about his work. A small blond boy races towards us, grinning and expectant, but the side of his body is torn apart by a ragged vertical rent. Its startling assault makes the sunlit wood behind him suddenly look as sinister as the scene of a crime.

Nicky Hoberman's view of childhood is even more disquieting. She takes her own photographs with a Polaroid camera, employing small girls as her models. They smirk or pout, clutching pet rabbits or turning away, perhaps sulkily. Technically skilful, Hoberman depicts several of these *temperamental sitters in a* blatantly photographic style. She conveys a great deal about the emotional seesaw of girlhood, and suggests how easily their poses might be exploited for pornographic purposes.

The final artist, Tacita Dean, is obsessed by film. Although she works with chalk on large blackboards, her tumultuous images of stormy seas are riddled with references to cinematic procedures. But the truth is that these grand, stirring images are sublimely romantic sea pieces in their own right. I have no doubt that her *Sea Inventory* series is an outstanding achievement, using the conventions of film to revitalise a great maritime tradition in British art.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BRITTEN SINFONIA SOLOISTS: Fresh from its successes in Cambridge and Oxford with the *Frank Zappa and the Father of Invention* series and a silver disc with *Lesley Garrett*, this exciting young orchestra now makes its Wigmore debut with a programme of Britten and Schubert.
Wigmore Hall (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 7.30pm

THE LOST VEGAS SERIES: Award-winning play by Julie Jensen tracing the bizarre wanderings of a cocktail waitress in the Neon Desert, joined by Creepy Guy, Sexy Guy and Campy Guy
Riverside Studios, W6 (0181-237 1111) *Previews tonight, 8.15pm. Opens tomorrow, 8.15pm. Until July 12*



Rogue bard John Hegley brings his lyric wit to Edinburgh

ISLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: Now in its fourth year the popular two-week extravaganza of music, comedy, cabaret, circus and art kicks off with the first solo piano recital for ten years by the classical composer *Michael Nyman*, acclaimed worldwide for his film soundtracks. The evening's programme offers music from *The Piano* and other screen favourites.
Spiegeltent, Highbury Fields, N5 (0171-288 6700). Tonight 9.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: John Hegley returns with his inimitable mix of poetry and stand-up in *Five*, taking him through mishaps with Ancient Romans, Bad Samaritans and many others.
Traverse 2 (0131-228 1404). Tonight-Sun, 8pm

MANCHESTER: The **BBC Philharmonic Orchestra** under Vernon Handley devotes the evening to the music of Arnold Bax. The opening work is the world premiere of his 1916 *In Memoriam*, followed by *Concertante for Piano Left Hand and Orchestra* and the orchestral song cycle *The Bard of the Dimbovitza* performed by the mezzo Jean Rigby.
Studio 7 Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House. (0161-244 4002) Tonight, 8.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: The **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** pays homage to Leonard Bernstein, who would have been 80 this year, with a concert performance of the composer's comic operetta *Candide*. Ron Moody heads the cast as Pangloss. Clark Rundell conducts.
Philharmonic Hall (0151-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm

NEW WEST END SHOWS

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☐ **BRASSED OFF:** Deborah Paige's Sheffield Crucible production of the feel-good film, adapted by Paul Allen. Cast includes Freya Copeland and Coronation Street regulars, Peter Armitage and Shaun Dooley.
National Theatre (Olivier) (0171-452 3000) Today, 7pm ◪

☐ **BILLY LIAR:** Paul Nicholls plays the two-timing daydreamer in revival of the Keith Waterhouse/Willis Hall comedy from 1960. Alex Walker directs.
King's Head, N1 (0171-226 1916) ◪

☐ **A DANGEROUS WOMAN:** Fenella Fielding plays a recently widowed Duchess of Windsor looking back on her life. John Brenner directs Paul Webb's play.
New End, NW3 (0171-794 0022).

☐ **DISCO PIGS.** Enda Walsh's babbling, alarming, baby-talking play, set in Pork (Cork) City, now in the West End for a run. Cillian Murphy and Eileen Walsh still in the roles of Pig and Runt. Stylish but vacuous. See review, p 31.
Arts Theatre, WC2 (0171-836 3334/2132)

☐ **ELTON JOHN'S GLASSES:** Brian Conley plays the football fan still traumatised by Watford's Cup Final defeat 14 years ago, in David Farr's comedy, directed by Terry Johnson.
Queens (0171-494 5041).

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Possibly the last production from Cheek By Jowl. With Saskia Reeves and Matthew Macfadyen. Declan Donnellan directs.
Playhouse (0171-839 4401). ◪

☐ **THE ORCHESTRA:** Late Anouilh play, revealing the comic and disastrous tensions behind the placid facade of a provincial orchestra. Kristine Landon-Smith directs, Felix Cross composes.
Southwark Playhouse, SE1 (0171-620 3494)

☐ **OUTSIDE ON THE STREETS:** Gordon Anderson directs an excellent *cast in a fine production of Wolfgang* Borchert's nightmarish, hard-hitting drama written shortly before his death as a result of wounds received on the Eastern Front. With an new translation by Tom Fisher. See review, page 31.
Gate, W11 (0171-229 0706)

■ **THE UNEXPECTED MAN:** Eileen Atkins and Michael Gambon in transfer of the RSC production of Yasmina Reza's elegant duet for strangers sitting opposite each other on a train.
Duchess (0171-494 5075).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

THE APOSTLE (12): Engrossing portrait of a flawed Pentecostal preacher, memorably portrayed by Robert Duvall, who also writes and directs. With Miranda Richardson, Farrah Fawcett.

THE GIRL WITH BRAINS IN HER FEET (15): Bouncy coming-of-age comedy set in Leicester in the early 1970s, with Joanna Ward as the 13-year-old heroine coping with growing pains.

HOTEL DE LOVE (15): Boisterous Australian comedy set in a tacky hotel for newlyweds. With Simon Bossell and Aden Young. Director, Craig Rosenberg.

THE SCARLET TUNIC (12): German hussar falls for Wessex maiden. Low-voltage romance from a Thomas Hardy story. With Jean-Marc Barr and Emma Fielding. Director, Stuart St Paul.

STIFF UPPER LIPS (15). Overly broad parody of Merchant Ivory films, with Phoebe Cates as the virginal Edwardian heroine who discovers sex. With Prunella Scales, Peter Ustinov.

CURRENT

THE BIG LEBOWSKI (18): The Coen brothers' dishevelled spoof of Raymond Chandler's thrillers, very funny in spots. With Jeff Bridges, John Goodman and Julianne Moore.

DARK CITY (15): Rufus Sewell fights to regain his memory in a showy tale mixing film noir tricks with sci-fi trappings. With Kiefer Sutherland. Director, Alex Proyas.

THE GENERAL (15): Dynamic portrait of the buccaneering Irish criminal Martin Cahill (Brendan Gleeson). Powerfully directed by John Boorman.

MARTHA — MEET FRANK, DANIEL AND LAURENCE (15): Three London friends get entangled with a vivacious American. Pallid 1990s version of a swinging 1980s comedy. With Monica Potter, Rufus Sewell, Tom Hollander and Joseph Fiennes. Director, Nick Hamm.

THE WEDDING SINGER (12): Will Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore ever realise they're made for each other? Lightly likeable romantic comedy, set in the mid 1980s. Director, Frank Coraci.

WILD THINGS (18): School counsellor gets accused of rape. Exuberant thriller with more twists than a pretzel. With Matt Dillon, Denise Richards and Kevin Bacon. Director, John McNaughton.



DEE CONWAY

Sarah Wildor in *The Gods Go A-Begging*, performed on Monday in honour of Ninette de Valois' 100th birthday

Celebrated century

DANCE

Dame Ninette de Valois couldn't be with us in body when we gathered at the Barbican on Monday night for a gala celebrating her 100th birthday. But the founder of the Royal Ballet let us know she was with us in spirit, courtesy of a written message read out by the Royal Ballet's artistic director, Anthony Dowell. And thanks to a programme that showcased Madam's pioneering ballets, her vivacious choreographic personality was an honoured birthday guest.

The Rake's Progress, which de Valois made for her fledgeling company in 1935, is the most enduring of her works. The Royal Ballet's birthday revival is most attractive — Rex Whistler's designs, inspired by Hogarth's paintings, look wonderful on the Barbican stage — and the company has been well rehearsed in the importance of detailing in de Valois's meticulously animated choreography. Stuart Cassidy, as the Rake, got better and better as his character moved beyond caricature and deteriorated into grotesque debauchery. A delightful Sarah Wildor, as the Betrayed Girl, was tender to the point of translucence.

The Royal Ballet School, another of de Valois' creations, paid tribute to Madam with a performance of MacMillan's *Soirée Musicale*, created in honour of her 90th birthday. Then the real treat: excerpts from seven of her ballets, spanning a choreographic career of 50 years. Irek Mukhamedov gave us a startling interpretation of Satan's solo from *Job*, full of might and muscle; Bruce Sansom and Wildor charmed their way through the playful sweetness of *The Gods Go A-Begging*; and Gillian Revie drifted beautifully through Eurydice's solo from *Orpheus and Eurydice*.

Birmingham Royal Ballet gave London a taste of its handsome resuscitation earlier this month of *The Prospect Before Us*. There wasn't enough of *The Haunted Ballroom* to get a real sense of it, although the romantic swoon of its Gothic fantasy looked like fun. And Darcey Bussell's sword-wielding Black Queen (attacking Leslie Edwards's Red King) from *Checkmate* hinted at the modernity of de Valois' 1937 ballet without really getting a handle on its style. The fleet-footed Matthew Dibble had no trouble, though, when he took on the dizzying role of Auguste Vestris in *Every Goose Can*, which Madam created for Wayne Sleep when she was 82.

Birthday Offering, which closed the evening, was choreographed by Ashton in 1956 to celebrate the Royal's 25th anniversary. The piece, moulded in the Imperial Russian style that so inspired de Valois, is devilishly difficult, making fiendish demands on its seven ballerinas. Alas, the Royal couldn't quite muster a full house of sparkling ballerinas, although the cast was not helped by Andrea Quinn leading the Royal Opera House Orchestra through the Glazunov score at a ridiculously fast pace. Belinda Hatley was gorgeous, while Sylvie Guillem and Jonathan Cope, in yet another example of their charismatic partnership, provided the requisite glitter.

DEBRA CRAINE

Playing for pain



Even at the best of times modern life offers its fair share of *Sturm und Drang*, but in Alain Platel's urban universe the stress of existence is well nigh unbearable, *Debra Craine writes*. Rarely has such a collection of misfits, malcontents and madmen inhabited such a bleak dance arena. And rarely has such emotional chaos packed a greater punch than in Platel's *Jets op Bach*, presented as part of the Turning World festival.

Platel's cast, members of his Les Ballets C. de la B., come in varying shapes and sizes, and exhibit varying degrees of dementia. They wander on to the rooftop set — plastic garden furniture, air conditioning vents and satellite dishes — determined to party. There is music — lots and lots of Bach, played and sung by musicians and singers who are part of the action on stage. And there are party tricks, too. A man allows bowling balls to rain down on his taut stomach; another sports gloves of fire. They are impressive, yet they seem to impress no one.

At times Platel's surreal party-goers present themselves as circus entertainers: at others as inmates in an asylum. They are wounded, both physically — one woman has her arm in a sling, another her leg in a cast — and emotionally, and before this party is over they will be in even greater distress.

Platel's frenetic choreography is designed for maximum physical impact, leaving his dancers bruised and battered at the end of 90 minutes. But I suspect what hurts even more is the emotional anguish they must convey. Platel digs deep into pain, finding a different kind of suffering in each of his dancers. There are expressions of indeterminate frustration, intimations of paedophile perversity, grotesque flirtations and stark sexual violation. And plenty of anger, which explodes into a variety of rants before finally collapsing into an aria of tears.

The contrast between Platel's raucous choreography and Bach's polite, well-dressed music is one of the work's strengths. Another is its quirky humour, played out in little set-pieces on the sidelines. Some of the things you see are disquieting, some shamelessly entertaining — a snazzy drag queen routine — but what you are left with is a piece of dance-theatre that isn't afraid to draw blood.

Scene set for a musical journey

JAZZ

Few jazz concerts begin with the instruction: "*Please wait in silence*", but the discernible surprise at this announcement swiftly died down when Westbrook and Company appeared at the back of Cambridge's Kettle's Yard Gallery, in character, worrying aloud about catching a train from the country (Stiltsville) to the city (Platterback). Projects involving pianist/composer Mike, and singer/lyricist Kate Westbrook seldom lack a dramatic component, but the success of their new piece, premiered here, depends wholly on the subtle integration of song and setting, so the compere's peremptory tone *was in fact justified*.

Employing only five musicians — Mike Westbrook on piano and tuba, Kate Westbrook and John Winfield on vocals, accordionist Karen Street and cellist Stanley Adler — *Platterback* follows their train journey to the eponymous city and allows the stories of the two main characters, Winfield's bucolic deserting conscript soldier and Kate Westbrook's city-based cook, to unfold naturally as they travel together. Love, duty, nostalgia, the uneasy mutual dependency between the rural and the urban, are among the topics explored by Kate Westbrook's intelligent and informal lyrics, yet such *is* the power of the music and of its performance that the whole piece grips like a thriller.

The chemistry between Winfield and Kate Westbrook *is partly responsible* for this intensity, but the sheer virtuosity of Adler and Street are also indispensable elements in the piece's triumphant success. *Adler is as at home* with the blues of his native Chicago as with his instrument's more conventional repertoire, and his versatility (not to mention *his singing*) sparks the band. It is perhaps Street's playing, however, which most completely epitomises the piece's multi-hued emotional complexity, drawing as it does as much on the tense eroticism of nuevo tango as on the sweet plangency of the chanson.

Past Westbrook projects have ranged from three-hour symphonic epics exploring the fractured nature of Europe through its various nations' poetry, to duo visits to Brecht, Weill and Hollaender. *Platterback*, while clearly drawing on this considerable knowledge of jazz, cabaret and literature, somehow contrives to be both pleasingly informal and genuinely affecting.

CHRIS PARKER

Big band Mozart

CONCERT

After the first concert in the LSO's Mozart/Strauss series last week, conducted by Walter Weller, I wondered on this page whether the other conductors stepping in for Bernard Haitink would be able to make a stronger case for big-band Mozart and thus salvage the series. In the second concert, on Sunday night, Claus Peter Flor triumphantly reclaimed Mozart for the traditional symphony orchestra and offered some enthralling Strauss into the bargain.

Appearing to work with a smaller body of strings than Weller, Flor achieved far superior balances in Mozart's Symphony No 34 in C. The wind came through clearly and textural detail in all sections was well defined. By reducing the weight of sonority to something approaching Classical scale, Flor was able also to energise lines in a way Weller had disdained. Elevating Mozart's music to some celestial sphere beyond interpretation does it no favours, and Flor brought it back to this world, which was joyously transformed in the process.

He similarly brought, to a pair of Mozart's concert arias, a richness of tonal colouring that at the same time kept faith with their scale of conception. Janice Watson was the engaging soprano soloist in *Vado, ma dove?* and the recitative and aria *Bella mia fiamma, addio — Resta, o cara*.

She returned after the interval for an equally impressive group of Strauss songs with orchestral accompaniment. *Freundliche Vision* and *Morgen* (the latter accompanied by a rapt violin solo from Gordan Nikolitch) elicited singing of affecting intimacy from her, but she was able to draw, to thrilling effect, on her operatic reserves for the climactic, demented cries of "Adonis" in the frenzied *Frühlingsfeier*.

Victory over death is finally achieved in Strauss's tone poem *Death and Transfiguration*, but not before a struggle with the pain and toils of this world. Flor's achievement in this score was to trace a smooth and convincing transition from one state to the other, securing magnificent playing from the LSO in the process. For once, one was simply not aware of problems of balance or unsympathetic acoustics — merely of a flood of glorious orchestral sound.

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The future of subsidy

ARTS

TOMORROW
All the new films reviewed

Mary Allen argues that 'funding fewer better' is easier said than done, even by Gerry Robinson's leaner, meaner Arts Council

Cut the penpushers, not the artists

Gerry Robinson's new, slimline Arts Council, whose membership will shortly be announced, was due to have had its first meeting today. Presumably it has been cancelled because the final members have only just signed up. Given Robinson's priorities, one can understand a hesitancy in accepting his invitation to join. Central to what he has said so far is the notion that grants will become time-limited, and that some organisations will be weaned off subsidy. These funds will then be used to start initiatives that would in turn become independent of subsidy.

Money is certainly needed for new ideas, but weaning organisations off subsidy has echoes of "funding fewer better", something the Arts Council has been trying to do for 20 years with mixed success. Roy Shaw and Luke Rittner succeeded in cutting some grants in 1981 and 1985 respectively. More recently, when Anthony Everitt tried to remove grants from two London orchestras in 1993, the weight of opposition prevented radical action. When Lord Gowrie and I took office in 1994, we decided that, with lottery millions available for capital projects, we would try to keep everything going as best we could until we could use lottery money to support arts organisations themselves.

The lottery rules are now about to be relaxed. New legislation will allow those in charge of lottery funds to seek out recipients rather than having to wait for applications, while at the same time allowing more funds to go to artistic production.

So why, now, start talking about *funding fewer better*? By all means cut grants to organisations that are under-performing. But few are, and many of those could improve the quality of their work dramatically with a small amount of extra cash. Artistic, like commercial, mediocrity generally arises from caution. If failure means going out of business, most people become pretty risk-averse.

Even were it necessary to fund fewer better, it will be hard to achieve. The beneficiaries remain silent and those who lose out generate enormous publicity. If Robinson was (as reported) "taken aback" by the reaction to recent resignations from the Arts Council, that is nothing compared with what will happen when he starts cutting grants.

If change is required, why not start with a softer target? At the moment there are 11 organisations through which government money for the arts in England is channelled: the Arts Council and the ten regional arts boards. There is


Allen: "Scrap the system"

enormous friction between the two camps: time and energy is wasted in arguments; and it is a system unsuited to the consensual decision-making favoured by the present Government.

Just before Christmas, a couple of weeks before Robinson's appointment was announced, I met Anthony Everitt and Luke Rittner to talk about the Arts Council. Each of us said that, when we had taken over as secretary-general, we had been determined either to make the national/regional relationship work, or to change its structure. Six years into his term of office, Rittner recommended that the regional arts associations, as they were then, should be abolished.

His advice was ignored. Instead they were strengthened, and a formidable accountability mechanism controlling the relationship between them, the Arts Council and the Government was introduced. (By the way, Mr Robinson, if you really want to cut something, take an axe to the umpteen plans and reports now required of the Arts Council by the Government.)

Rather than challenge this gargantuan bureaucracy, I tried to operate within it. For a while things improved, but ultimately I failed to make it work. The system is more or less paralysed. You do not need so much bureaucratic clutter sitting between national government on the one hand and local government on the other. It is right to have a funding mechanism independent of government, but it needs to be far simpler.

With the political support that he enjoys, Robinson could abolish the entire arts funding structure and replace the Arts Council and the regional arts boards with a new funding body that was both national and regional: a single organisation comprising five or six regional offices. There's no reason for the arts departments all to be based in London: visual arts could be in Newcastle, music in Birmingham, drama in Manchester, dance in London and literature in Bristol. Each office would have staff responsible for networking with local authorities. There could be a small, central co-ordinating secretariat, which would also service the Council and link to central government.

No doubt there would be imperfections in such an approach, but at least it might offer a better starting point for tough decision-making of the kind Robinson seems to have in mind. It would save millions, which could go into the arts, and would cut down massively on paperwork. Most importantly, it would free up all the creative energy in the bureaucracy, enabling it to face outwards towards the arts, rather than continuing to contemplate its own navel.

MARCO SACCHI/RETNA


Marriage has caused *City of Angels* star Nicolas Cage to mend his maverick ways

Leaving lost wages

FILM: Nicolas Cage still does as he wants – but these days he is well paid for it. **Martyn Palmer** reports

Until recently, mainstream Hollywood did not quite know what to make of Nicolas Cage. The actor himself admits that he was largely to blame, eager to seek alternative and edgy roles in films such as *Raising Arizona*, *Wild At Heart* and *Vampire's Kiss*.

"They didn't know if I was an actor or a nut or if I was this crazy character I was playing," he says. "I had developed an image of being a little bit unusual, different and wild." And when Cage did venture into more conventional territory, playing opposite Cher in the romantic comedy *Moonstruck*, he hated it and was convinced he had blown his street credibility.

"At the time I was ashamed of being in *Moonstruck*. Although I now think it's a terrific movie, at the time it wasn't me. So I immediately went into *Vampire's Kiss* wanting to create this character that was more shocking and would get back to that younger, angrier audience."

The irony is, of course, that the Cage who sits before us today in a plush Los Angeles hotel room — wearing a razor-sharp charcoal-grey designer suit — is now a Hollywood darling. The star of three top-grossing blockbusters — *The Rock*, *Con Air* and *Face/Off*, which he refers to as his "action trilogy" — he now commands $20 million a film. This week he stars opposite Meg Ryan in the romantic drama *City of Angels*, loosely based on Wim Wenders's *Wings of Desire*, in which he plays an angel who falls in love with a heart surgeon.

It is another example of the New Cage, the leading man who is now at the very top of the A list and is no longer regarded as an angry outsider. Quite simply, at 34, he feels he has grown up. He now accepts the studio system and plays a lucrative part in it. "I learnt slowly that to have any longevity in this world you have to have some sense of the business," he says. "And there is a balancing act between not losing your personal vision but also not being negligent of the overall need for these studios to make money and to keep the business going."

Nicolas Kim Coppola was born in Long Beach, California, where his father August, an academic and brother of the director Francis Ford Coppola, encouraged his interest in literature and film. Cage changed his surname to try to dodge the formidable legacy of his uncle, but even so he made his feature film debut, at 19, in Coppola's *Rumblefish*. Over the next decade he sought the quirkier roles but won acclaim for *Peggy Sue Got Married* and *Birdy* in particular.

His fortunes changed in 1996 when he won the best actor Oscar for *Leaving Las Vegas*. Directed by the Briton Mike Figgis on a small budget of just over $3 million, Cage gave a moving performance as an alcoholic who drinks himself to death. At first, the film attracted little interest. "The Cannes Film Festival didn't want it, nobody wanted to buy it and it looked as if it would go straight to video. The critics really shepherded that film and made it what it was.

"People didn't see me in action movies or comedies, so each time I had to break down another wall. *Leaving Las Vegas* seemed to shed light on all of my other work."

Even so, eyebrows were raised when Cage signed up for his first out-and-out action blockbuster, *The Rock*, opposite Sean Connery. Cage says that the attraction was simply to see if he could carry it off. "When I did *The Rock*, I was new to the action genre, so it forced me to grow and work twice as hard.

"With *Con Air*, I wanted to have the chance to create a make-believe action hero, a folk hero. *Face/Off* was an opportunity to work with John Travolta and John Woo, who is a master of that genre. And it gave me a chance to sharpen my instincts with that style of acting. And it is a style, because you have to propel the story with a minimum amount of dialogue and compete with the explosions going off. But after that I did say to myself: 'OK, let's move on'. And I had *City of Angels* waiting."

City of Angels bears little resemblance to the original, which was set in postwar Berlin. Instead, we are in present-day Los Angeles, where Seth (Cage) is an angel sent to Earth to shepherd souls to the afterlife. Seth encounters Dr Maggie Rice (Ryan), a heart surgeon, when she loses a patient on the operating table. Drawn to her by a desire to help her through a crisis of confidence, he takes the unusual step of becoming visible and, of course, falls in love. For Cage, the themes of the film are love and sacrifice.

Cage, who married the actress Patricia Arquette in 1995 and has a son, Weston, from a previous relationship, believes that commitment has helped to tone down his wild ways. "Any great love involves sacrifice. You feel that as a father, as a husband. You give up all your freedom. But the love is so much greater than the freedom. In *City of Angels*, Seth is giving up immortality. Maggie is giving up what she believes in — she is an atheist and her whole world is turned upside down by the experience with a metaphysical being."

He is, unashamedly, a romantic. When he first met Arquette, he was bowled over and proposed marriage within weeks. She, on the other hand, was rather more cautious and sent him on a "love quest" to prove his intentions. This included finding a J. D. Salinger autograph and a black orchid.

"It's true. I asked her to put me on a quest because she didn't believe me when I told her I wanted to marry her. And she made this list of almost impossible things to achieve. They were very creative things, which made me love her even more, and it got so that I was doing every one of them. So she said, 'All right, I'll go away with you'."

If Cage feels that, personally and professionally, he is in a "good place", he admits that at times he finds it hard to shake off some of his darker roles. "I used to think that sort of method acting which I did when I was younger was bullshit. But it's not. You have to give yourself over to playing these different people but it's a very fine line between acting and schizophrenia."

At the moment he is deep into what he calls his "dark trilogy". He has finished *8mm*, playing a private eye investigating the makers of a snuff movie, and *Snake Eyes*, a Brian De Palma film in which he plays a sleazy cop. In September he will work with Martin Scorsese on *Bringing Out the Dead*, set in Hell's Kitchen. Plans to make *Superman Reborn*, with Tim Burton directing, have been shelved after financing fell through. "Superman has been done a million times and I wanted to try something unique with it. But I guess I just have to get on with my life."

● *City of Angels is released on Friday*

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

ASHLEY WASS



Age: 21.

Profession: Pianist — the first British pianist to win first prize at the World Piano Competition in London.

How did it all begin? Born in Lincolnshire to hotelier parents. "There was an organ in the house and, as my parents couldn't play it, they thought I should have a go." By the age of five, young Ashley was taking piano lessons, and at 11 he left home to board at Chetham's Music School in Manchester.

Was he happy there? "I was absolutely set on what I was doing. I'm not a competitive person, though, and the inevitable jealousies within such a hothouse did sometimes get me down. But I just tried to distance myself."

Is he still studying? "I've one more year at the Royal Academy of Music, where my teacher is Hamish Milne. He's such a musician, and plays so well himself."

Who are his gurus? "It depends on the repertoire: Artur Schnabel and Emil Gilels for Beethoven, Julius Katchen and Radu Lupu for Brahms. And I worship Murray Perahia. *I'd love to play* to him some day, and to be in one of his masterclasses."

How has life changed since the big win? "It's harder to cope with success than with failure. Failure can be a refining experience. Winning a competition really doesn't guarantee anything, but it gives you a certain level of exposure. And it was valuable experience to play under such extreme conditions. I was quite naive about the music industry, too — and I've learnt a lot."

So what next? Recital of Beethoven, Franck, Chopin on Saturday at Donnington Hall. Lincoln: recital of Brahms, Franck, Barber on August 4 at the Harrogate Festival. Records his first CD in October: the piano music of César Franck, for Naxos. Tours to Slovenia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic early next year.

What's the daily practice routine? "Six hours a day — but I have to respect the neighbours. And I don't have a strict scales-first routine or anything. I just work at whatever feels like the priority: the most important thing is to keep the music fresh."

HILARY FINCH

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CHANGING TIMES

The story so far...

The World Cup, eh? What a first week! Are you getting into the French spirit, or should I say *esprit*? And how has your fantasy team been doing?
Bit of a mixed result, so far; a couple of good spots, a few more disappointments.
Such as?
Well, Pedrag Mijatovic of Yugoslavia let me down. If he can't score against Iran, what chance has he got against Germany, or even the United States?
It doesn't necessarily work that way, you know. And I seem to remember some names that came up during our last little chat who have scored a goal or two.
True enough. Gabriel Batistuta scored against Japan, albeit only once, Andy Möller got me a goal on Monday evening, and Hierro's free-kick against Nigeria was most welcome.
As you predicted, in fact.
Correct, but I didn't predict him missing that header to allow Nigeria to equalise. And I didn't pick Marcelo Salas of Chile, because I thought that the Italy defence wouldn't give him as much space as England did at Wembley — but he scored twice. And *that* meant that Paolo Maldini ended up with a minus score, since he was part of a defence that conceded two.
Nobody's perfect; and, while we're talking about your errors, there was your failure to take my advice about Robbie Earle. You would have had three useful points from his goal against Croatia.
But only three. Hierro, for example, got two points for an assist on Raul's goal as well as the three for his own, so he was worth five points in total. Only Salas and that blond bloke from Mexico can better that. They both scored two goals.
Don't forget Mihajlovic of Yugoslavia — as a defender, he gets three points for a clean sheet and another three for his free kick against Iran. Marc Rieper, too.
You're right, of course. Defenders can score quite well, can't they? Graham Le Saux has five points thanks to England's shut-out and his free-kick onto Shearer's head.
Did you pick him as your left-back?
No, I picked Beckham in midfield, and, as you know, we're only allowed one player from each country, so he was my England representative.
Oops. You'll have to blame Glenn Hoddle for that one, I'm afraid. I accept no responsibility for the vagaries of managers' team selections. Who *did* you pick at left-back, then?
Roberto Carlos of Brazil; you remember, he was your suggestion.
Oops again. His moment will come, I have no doubt. Although at the moment . . .
. . . he's scored nul points.
So you *are* getting into the French spirit! *Magnifique!*

Stars waiting for chance to shine

Some cagey opening games have given the tournament's leading players few opportunities to make a big impression


Batistuta repaid the faith of many fantasy league entrants with the Argentina goal against Japan

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WITH the completion of the opening round of World Cup matches, we publish the first table of World Cup Fantasy League scores.

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A quick glance reveals that the most common score at the end of the first week is nil, especially among the midfield players. This is hardly surprising, with many fringe players not yet having enjoyed an opportunity to strut their stuff on the world stage; moreover, cagey opening games have meant that there have been few opportunities for the star schemers of Argentina, Bulgaria or Holland to provide assists, although familiar names such as Hagi of Romania and Zidane of France have scored two-point bonuses — as has the great innovator of the tournament so far, Cuauhtemoc Blanco of Mexico, originator of the "Blanco bounce".

So far, free-kicks and corner-kicks have been important: to British eyes, the near-post corners that brought goals for Brazil, France and Nigeria have a familiar look (although not, unfortunately, familiar enough in Scotland's case).

Now, as teams are increasingly forced to go for outright victories, and the call has come from Fifa for a toughening-up by referees on tackles from behind, there is the promise of more assists from open play, although the dead-ball expert will still be important.

Conversely, a number of defenders have managed to rack up three points for keeping a clean sheet, as defensively strong European sides such as Denmark, Germany, Yugoslavia and (without tempting fate) England have faced the relatively toothless attacks of Saudi Arabia, the United States, Iran and Tunisia.

Two-goal men Luis Hernandez and Marcelo Salas top the scoring lists at the moment alongside Marc Rieper, of Celtic and Denmark, and Yugoslavia's Sinisa Mihajlovic, defenders who scored the only goals in their team's 1-0 victories over Saudi Arabia and Iran respectively.

And, on the subject of goalscoring defenders, anyone who chose Paraguay's extrovert goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert ahead of the safer hands of, say, David Seaman, must have felt their decision entirely justified as his free-kick swerved towards the top corner of the Bulgaria goal, only to be fingertipped over the crossbar by his opposite number, Zdravko Zdravkov. But Chilavert will have at least two more opportunities to open his account.

Defenders in those teams who have conceded three goals have the poorest scores (-2), with familiar names such as Frank Sinclair, of Chelsea and Jamaica, and the South Africa pair — Mark Fish, of Bolton Wanderers, and Lucas Radebe, of Leeds United, falling into that category of unfortunates.

What are the tactical implications for World Cup Fantasy League entrants? Is it too early to make changes, bearing in mind that you have only six transfers? These are early days; there is no need to panic. Unless you staked all on a Jamaican central defender and a Saudi goalkeeper, you are probably best advised wait until later, when you can choose more than one player per country.

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UP–TO–DATE PLAYER SCORES WITH LATEST ROUND AND TOTAL

GOALKEEPERS

	Player	Country	Rd	Tot
101	Carlos Roa	Argentina	3	3
102	Pablo Cavallero	Argentina	0	0
158	*German Adrian Burgos*	*Argentina*	*0*	*0*
103	Michael Konsel	Austria	0	0
104	Franz Wohlfahrt	Austria	0	0
105	Filip de Wilde	Belgium	3	3
106	*Taffarel*	*Brazil*	*0*	*0*
107	Carlos Germano	Brazil	0	0
108	Boris Mikhailov	Bulgaria	0	0
109	Zdravko Zdravkov	Bulgaria	3	3
110	*Jacques Songo'o*	*Cameroon*	*0*	*0*
111	Nelson Tapia	Chile	-1	-1
112	Marcelo Ramirez	Chile	0	0
113	Oscar Cordoba	Colombia	0	0
114	Farid Mondragon	Colombia	0	0
115	Drazen Ladic	Croatia	0	0
116	Marijan Mrmic	Croatia	0	0
117	Peter Schmeichel	Denmark	3	3
118	Mogens Krogh	Denmark	0	0
119	David Seaman	England	3	3
120	Tim Flowers	England	0	0
121	Nigel Martyn	England	0	0
122	Bernard Lama	France	0	0
123	Fabien Barthez	France	3	3
124	Andreas Kopke	Germany	3	3
125	Oliver Kahn	Germany	0	0
126	Ed de Goey	Holland	0	0
127	Edwin van der Sar	Holland	3	3
128	Ahmadreza Abedzadeh	Iran	0	0
129	Gianluca Pagliuca	Italy	-1	-1
156	Gianluigi Buffon	Italy	0	0
131	Warren Barrett	Jamaica	-2	-2
132	Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi	Japan	0	0
133	Jorge Campos	Mexico	0	0
134	Abdelkader El Brazi	Morocco	0	0
162	Driss Benzekri	Morocco	-1	-1
135	Willy Okpara	Nigeria	0	0
159	*Peter Rufai*	*Nigeria*	-1	-1
136	Frode Grodas	Norway	-1	-1
160	Thomas Myhre	Norway	0	0
138	Jose Luis Chilavert	Paraguay	3	3
139	*Ruben Ruiz Diaz*	*Paraguay*	0	0
140	Bogdan Stelea	Romania	3	3
141	Florin Prunea	Romania	0	0
142	Andre Arendse	South Africa	0	0
143	*Brian Baloyi*	*South Africa*	*0*	*0*
161	Hans Vonk	South Africa	-2	-2
144	Mohammed Al-Deayea	Saudi Arabia	0	0
145	Jim Leighton	Scotland	-1	-1
155	Neil Sullivan	Scotland	0	0
147	Kim Byung-Ji	South Korea	-2	-2
148	Andoni Zubizarreta	Spain	-2	-2
149	Santiago Canizares	Spain	0	0
150	Ali Boumnijel	Tunisia	0	0
151	Brad Friedel	USA	0	0
152	Kasey Keller	USA	-1	-1
154	Ivica Kralj	Yugoslavia	3	3
157	Dragoje Lekovic	Yugoslavia	0	0

DEFENDERS

	Player	Country	Rd	Tot
201	Nestor Sensini	Argentina	1	1
202	Jose Chamot	Argentina	0	0
203	Roberto Ayala	Argentina	3	3
204	Javier Zanetti	Argentina	3	3
205	Pablo Paz	Argentina	0	0
206	Anton Pfeffer	Austria	2	2
207	Peter Schottel	Austria	0	0
208	Wolfgang Feiersinger	Austria	0	0
209	Martin Hiden	Austria	0	0
210	Bertrand Crasson	Belgium	0	0
211	Eric van Meir	Belgium	0	0
323	Vital Borkelmans	Belgium	3	3
324	Eric Deflandre	Belgium	1	1
213	Aldair	Brazil	0	0
214	Cafu	Brazil	2	2
215	Roberto Carlos	Brazil	0	0
216	Goncalves	Brazil	0	0
217	Ze Roberto	Brazil	0	0
218	Junior Baiano	Brazil	0	0
318	Andre Cruz	Brazil	0	0
319	Ze Carlos	Brazil	0	0
219	Trifon Ivanov	Bulgaria	3	3
220	Radostin Kishishev	Bulgaria	3	3
221	Gosho Ginchev	Bulgaria	0	0
222	Ivailo Petkov	Bulgaria	3	3
224	Rigobert Song	Cameroon	0	0
225	Javier [illegible]	Chile	0	0
226	Ronald Fuentes	Chile	-1	-1
227	Cristian Castroda	Chile	0	0
228	Pedro Reyes	Chile	1	1
229	Wilmer Cabrera	Colombia	0	0
230	Jorge Bermudez	Colombia	0	0
231	Ivan Cordoba	Colombia	0	0
326	Wilson Perez	Colombia	0	0
232	Robert Jarni	Croatia	2	2
233	Slaven Bilic	Croatia	0	0
234	Igor Stimac	Croatia	2	2
235	Dario Simic	Croatia	0	0
236	Goran Juric	Croatia	0	0
237	Marc Rieper	Denmark	6	6
238	Jes Hogh	Denmark	3	3
239	Thomas Helveg	Denmark	3	3
240	Jacob Laursen	Denmark	0	0
241	Tony Adams	England	3	3
242	Gary Neville	England	0	0
243	Graeme Le Saux	England	5	5
244	Gareth Southgate	England	3	3
245	Martin Keown	England	0	0
246	Sol Campbell	England	3	3
249	Rio Ferdinand	England	0	0
250	*Laurent Blanc*	*France*	*3*	*3*
251	Marcel Desailly	France	3	3
252	Lilian Thuram	France	3	3
253	Bixente Lizarazu	France	3	3
254	Frank Leboeuf	France	0	0
255	Lothar Matthaus	Germany	0	0
256	Jurgen Kohler	Germany	3	3
257	Stefan Reuter	Germany	1	1
258	Thomas Helmer	Germany	0	0
259	Olaf Thon	Germany	3	3
260	Markus Babbel	Germany	0	0
322	Christian Worns	Germany	3	3
261	Frank de Boer	Holland	3	3
262	Arthur Numan	Holland	3	3
263	Michael Reiziger	Holland	0	0
264	Winston Bogarde	Holland	0	0
265	Jaap Stam	Holland	3	3
266	Mohammad Khakpour	Iran	0	0
267	Paolo Maldini	Italy	-1	-1
268	Alessandro Costacurta	Italy	-1	-1
270	Fabio Cannavaro	Italy	-1	-1
271	Alessandro Nesta	Italy	-1	-1
317	Giuseppe Bergomi	Italy	0	0
320	Gianluca Pessotto	Italy	0	0
321	Moreno Torricelli	Italy	0	0
272	Durrant Brown	Jamaica	0	0
273	Frank Sinclair	Jamaica	-2	-2
274	Masami Ihara	Japan	0	0
275	Claudio Suarez	Mexico	0	0
276	Duilio Davino	Mexico	0	0
277	Pavel Pardo	Mexico	0	0
278	Noureddine Naybet	Morocco	-1	-1
279	Uche Okechukwu	Nigeria	-1	-1
280	Taribo West	Nigeria	-1	-1
281	Celestine Babayaro	Nigeria	-1	-1
282	Stig Inge Bjornebye	Norway	1	1
283	Gunnar Halle	Norway	0	0
284	Henning Berg	Norway	1	1
285	Ronny Johnsen	Norway	-1	-1
287	*Catalino Rivarola*	*Paraguay*	*0*	*0*
288	Carlos Gamarra	Paraguay	3	3
289	Francisco Arce	Paraguay	0	0
290	Gheorghe Popescu	Romania	3	3
291	Dan Petrescu	Romania	3	3
293	Tibor Selymes	Romania	0	0
294	Anton Dobos	Romania	0	0
295	Lucas Radebe	South Africa	-2	-2
296	Mark Fish	South Africa	-2	-2
297	Ahmed Jamil Madani	Saudi Arabia	0	0
298	Tom Boyd	Scotland	-1	-1
299	Colin Hendry	Scotland	-1	-1
300	Colin Calderwood	Scotland	-1	-1
301	Tosh McKinlay	Scotland	0	0
302	Christian Dailly	Scotland	-1	-1
303	Matt Elliott	Scotland	0	0
327	Jackie McNamara	Scotland	0	0
304	Lee Min-Sung	South Korea	-2	-2
325	Hong Myung-Bo	South Korea	-2	-2
305	Rafael Alkorta	Spain	-2	-2
306	Miguel Angel Nadal	Spain	-1	-1
307	Abelardo Fernandez	Spain	0	0
308	Albert Ferrer	Spain	0	0
309	Sergi Barjuan	Spain	-2	-2
310	Sami Trabelsi	Tunisia	-1	-1
311	Marcelo Balboa	USA	0	0
312	Alexi Lalas	USA	0	0
313	Sinisa Mihajlovic	Yugoslavia	6	6
314	Zoran Mirkovic	Yugoslavia	3	3
315	Goran Djorovic	Yugoslavia	3	3
316	Miroslav Djukic	Yugoslavia	0	0

MIDFIELDERS

	Player	Country	Rd	Tot
401	Diego Simeone	Argentina	0	0
402	Ariel Ortega	Argentina	0	0
403	Matias Almeyda	Argentina	0	0
404	Juan Sebastian Veron	Argentina	0	0
549	Marcelo Gallardo	Argentina	0	0
405	Andreas Herzog	Austria	0	0
406	Peter Stoger	Austria	0	0
407	Helmo Pfeifenberger	Austria	0	0
408	Ivica Vastic	Austria	0	0
550	Harald Cerny	Austria	0	0
409	Franky van der Elst	Belgium	0	0
410	Enzo Scifo	Belgium	0	0
411	Lorenzo Staelens	Belgium	0	0
412	Marc Wilmots	Belgium	0	0
413	Nico van Kerckhoven	Belgium	0	0
414	Gert Verheyen	Belgium	0	0
416	Philippe Clement	Belgium	0	0
417	Leonardo	Brazil	0	0
420	Denilson	Brazil	0	0
421	Rivaldo	Brazil	0	0
422	Doriva	Brazil	0	0
536	Dunga	Brazil	0	0
542	Cesar Sampaio	Brazil	3	3
543	Giovanni	Brazil	0	0
423	Ziatko Yankov	Bulgaria	0	0
424	Krasimir Balakov	Bulgaria	0	0
425	Daniel Borimirov	Bulgaria	0	0
426	Ivailo Yordanov	Bulgaria	0	0
538	Augustine Simo	Cameroon	0	0
539	Salomon Olembe	Cameroon	0	0
431	Luis Musrri	Chile	0	0
432	Jose Luis Sierra	Chile	0	0
433	Marcelo Vega	Chile	0	0
434	Clarence Acuna	Chile	2	2
435	Carlos Valderrama	Colombia	0	0
436	Freddy Rincon	Colombia	0	0
437	Mauricio Serna	Colombia	0	0
438	Aljosa Asanovic	Croatia	0	0
439	Zvonimir Boban	Croatia	0	0
440	Robert Prosinecki	Croatia	3	3
441	Mario Stanic	Croatia	5	5
442	Krunoslav Jurcic	Croatia	0	0
443	Silvio Maric	Croatia	0	0
444	Michael Laudrup	Denmark	0	0
445	Michael Schjonberg	Denmark	0	0
446	Allan Nielsen	Denmark	0	0
447	Per Frandsen	Denmark	0	0
450	Paul Ince	England	2	2
451	David Batty	England	0	0
452	Steve McManaman	England	0	0
453	Paul Merson	England	0	0
454	Darren Anderton	England	0	0
455	Robert Lee	England	0	0
456	David Beckham	England	0	0
458	Paul Scholes	England	3	3
460	Didier Deschamps	France	0	0
461	Youri Djorkaeff	France	2	2
462	Zinedine Zidane	France	2	2
463	Christian Karembeu	France	0	0
464	Emmanuel Petit	France	0	0
467	Patrick Vieira	France	0	0
468	Thomas Hassler	Germany	0	0
469	Andreas Moller	Germany	3	3
470	Christian Ziege	Germany	0	0
471	Jorg Heinrich	Germany	0	0
472	Michael Tarnat	Germany	0	0
537	Stefan Freund	Germany	0	0
544	Dietmar Hamann	Germany	0	0
545	Jens Jeremies	Germany	0	0
473	Aron Winter	Holland	0	0
474	Wim Jonk	Holland	0	0
475	Ronald de Boer	Holland	0	0
476	Marc Overmars	Holland	0	0
477	Clarence Seedorf	Holland	0	0
478	Phillip Cocu	Holland	0	0
479	*Edgar Davids*	*Holland*	*0*	*0*
480	Hamid Estili	Iran	0	0
481	Karim Bagheri	Iran	0	0
482	Demetrio Albertini	Italy	0	0
483	Dino Baggio	Italy	0	0
484	Roberto Di Matteo	Italy	0	0
485	Angelo Di Livio	Italy	0	0
535	Roberto Baggio	Italy	5	5
486	Peter Cargill	Jamaica	0	0
487	Theodore Whitmore	Jamaica	0	0
488	Fitzroy Simpson	Jamaica	0	0
489	Robbie Earle	Jamaica	3	3
490	Hiroshi Nanami	Japan	0	0
491	Hidetoshi Nakata	Japan	0	0
492	Ramon Ramirez	Mexico	2	2
493	Alberto Garcia Aspe	Mexico	0	0
494	Marcelino Bernal	Mexico	0	0
495	Mustapha Hadji	Morocco	3	3
546	Youssef Chippo	Morocco	0	0
496	Finidi George	Nigeria	0	0
497	Mutiu Adepoju	Nigeria	3	3
498	Austin Okocha	Nigeria	0	0
499	Sunday Oliseh	Nigeria	3	3
500	Kjetil Rekdal	Norway	0	0
501	Oyvind Leonhardsen	Norway	0	0
503	Jostein Flo	Norway	0	0
504	Staale Solbakken	Norway	0	0
547	Erik Mykland	Norway	0	0
551	Jahn Ivar Jakobsen	Norway	0	0
506	Roberto Acuna	Paraguay	0	0
507	Julio Cesar Enciso	Paraguay	0	0
508	Gheorghe Hagi	Romania	2	2
509	Dorinel Munteanu	Romania	0	0
510	Ilie Dumitrescu	Romania	0	0
511	Constantin Galca	Romania	0	0
512	John Moshoeu	South Africa	0	0
513	Helman Mkhalele	South Africa	0	0
552	Doctor Khumalo	South Africa	0	0
515	Fuad Anwar Amin	Saudi Arabia	0	0
541	Khalid Al-Muwallid	Saudi Arabia	*0*	*0*
516	John Collins	Scotland	3	3
517	Billy McKinlay	Scotland	0	0
518	Craig Burley	Scotland	0	0
519	Scot Gemmill	Scotland	*0*	*0*
520	Paul Lambert	Scotland	0	0
521	Ha Seok-Ju	South Korea	3	3
522	Yoo Sang-Chul	South Korea	0	0
523	Fernando Hierro	Spain	5	5
524	Luis Enrique Martinez	Spain	0	0
525	Guillermo Amor	Spain	0	0
526	Julen Guerrero	Spain	0	0
527	Zoubeir Baya	Tunisia	0	0
540	Mehdi Ben Slimane	Tunisia	0	0
548	Adel Sellimi	Tunisia	0	0
528	Cobi Jones	USA	0	0
529	Joe-Max Moore	USA	0	0
530	Claudio Reyna	USA	0	0
553	Tab Ramos	USA	0	0
531	Dragan Stojkovic	Yugoslavia	0	0
532	Slavisa Jokanovic	Yugoslavia	0	0
534	Vladimir Jugovic	Yugoslavia	0	0
601	Gabriel Batistuta	Argentina	3	3

STRIKERS

	Player	Country	Rd	Tot
602	Abel Balbo	Argentina	0	0
603	Claudio Lopez	Argentina	0	0
604	Hernan Crespo	Argentina	0	0
605	Toni Polster	Austria	3	3
606	Luc Nilis	Belgium	0	0
607	Luis Oliveira	Belgium	0	0
608	Lokonda Mpenza	Belgium	0	0
609	Bebeto	Brazil	2	2
611	Ronaldo	Brazil	0	0
612	Edmundo	Brazil	0	0
613	Hristo Stoichkov	Bulgaria	0	0
614	Emil Kostadinov	Bulgaria	0	0
615	Liuboslav Penev	Bulgaria	0	0
616	Alphonse Tchami	Cameroon	0	0
617	Patrick Mboma	Cameroon	2	2
700	Onsan Biyick	Cameroon	0	0
701	Joseph-Desire Job	Cameroon	0	0
618	Ivan Zamorano	Chile	0	0
619	Marcelo Salas	Chile	6	6
620	Antony de Avila	Colombia	0	0
621	Victor Aristizabal	Colombia	0	0
622	Faustino Asprilla	Colombia	0	0
623	Hamilton Ricard	Colombia	0	0
624	Davor Suker	Croatia	3	3
625	Goran Vlaovic	Croatia	0	0
628	Brian Laudrup	Denmark	2	2
630	Miklos Molnar	Denmark	0	0
702	Peter Moller	Denmark	0	0
631	Alan Shearer	England	3	3
632	Teddy Sheringham	England	0	0
634	Les Ferdinand	England	0	0
635	Michael Owen	England	0	0
637	Christophe Dugarry	France	5	5
638	Robert Pires	France	0	0
639	Stephane Guivarc'h	France	0	0
640	David Trezeguet	France	0	0
642	Jurgen Klinsmann	Germany	5	5
643	Ulf Kirsten	Germany	0	0
644	Oliver Bierhoff	Germany	2	2
645	Dennis Bergkamp	Holland	0	0
646	Patrick Kluivert	Holland	0	0
647	Pierre van Hooijdonk	Holland	0	0
648	Jimmy F Hasselbaink	Holland	0	0
649	Ali Daei	Iran	0	0
650	Khodadad Azizi	Iran	0	0
654	Alessandro Del Piero	Italy	0	0
655	Christian Vieri	Italy	3	3
656	Enrico Chiesa	Italy	0	0
657	Filippo Inzaghi	Italy	0	0
658	Walter Boyd	Jamaica	0	0
659	Paul Hall	Jamaica	0	0
660	Deon Burton	Jamaica	0	0
706	Masashi Nakayama	Japan	0	0
663	Luis Hernandez	Mexico	6	6
703	Cuauhtemoc Blanco	Mexico	2	2
707	Ricardo Pelaez	Mexico	3	3
664	Safaeddine Bassir	Morocco	0	0
665	Daniel Amokachi	Nigeria	0	0
667	Victor Ikpeba	Nigeria	0	0
668	Nwankwo Kanu	Nigeria	0	0
704	Rashidi Yekini	Nigeria	2	2
669	Tore Andre Flo	Norway	0	0
670	Egil Ostenstad	Norway	0	0
671	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	Norway	0	0
708	Vidar Riseth	Norway	0	0
672	Aristides Rojas	Paraguay	0	0
673	Miguel Angel Benitez	Paraguay	0	0
674	Marius Lacatus	Romania	0	0
675	Viorel Moldovan	Romania	0	0
676	Adrian Ilie	Romania	3	3
677	Gheorghe Craioveanu	Romania	0	0
678	Phil Masinga	South Africa	0	0
679	Benni McCarthy	South Africa	0	0
705	Shaun Bartlett	South Africa	0	0
680	Sami Al-Jaber	Saudi Arabia	0	0
681	Saeed Al-Owairan	Saudi Arabia	0	0
682	Gordon Durie	Scotland	0	0
683	Kevin Gallacher	Scotland	2	2
684	Darren Jackson	Scotland	0	0
685	*Scott Booth*	*Scotland*	*0*	*0*
686	Simon Donnelly	Scotland	0	0
687	Seo Jung-Won	South Korea	0	0
688	Choi Yong-Soo	South Korea	0	0
689	Alfonso Perez	Spain	0	0
690	Juan Antonio Pizzi	Spain	0	0
691	Kiko Narvaez	Spain	0	0
692	Raul Gonzalez	Spain	3	3
693	Fernando Morientes	Spain	0	0
694	Riadh Jelassi	Tunisia	0	0
695	Eric Wynalda	USA	0	0
696	Brian McBride	USA	0	0
697	Dejan Savicevic	Yugoslavia	0	0
698	Predrag Mijatovic	Yugoslavia	0	0
699	Savo Milosevic	Yugoslavia	0	0

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THE TIMES World Cup fantasy league

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THE SCORING SYSTEM

PLAYERS WILL SCORE POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

Goal – 3 points **Assists – 2 points**

DEFENDER/GOALKEEPER
Appearance – 1 point for a defender or goalkeeper playing 45 minutes or more of a match, including extra time

DEFENDER/GOALKEEPER
Clean Sheet – 3 points
(2 points for clean sheet, 1 appearance point)

DEFENDER/GOALKEEPER
goal against – -1 point

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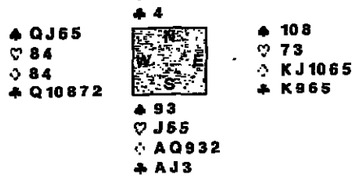
SHEEHAN on BRIDGE



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand is from the Guardian Pairs tournament at Easter, on which my correspondent James Forder brought off a rare coup.

Dealer South **North-South Game** **Pairs**



Contract: Seven Hearts by South. Lead: eight of diamonds.

South opened One No-Trump (12-14) and North replied *Two Diamonds*, a "transfer" bid, showing at least five hearts. That is a common method in the tournament game. East doubled North's Two Diamonds to ask for a diamond lead. *Often such calls gain*, but here it made declarer's task easier when after three more rounds of bidding he arrived in *Seven Hearts*.

Declarer won the diamond lead in hand, played off two top hearts, two top spades, ruffed a spade, cashed the remaining high diamond, ruffed a diamond and played *off the rest of the trumps*. In the two-card ending East had to keep a winning diamond and so came down to one club; then South discarded his last diamond to keep AJ of clubs, and West could not guard *both spades and clubs*. It was the genuine article: a double squeeze for a grand slam.

What would be the best line without the double and the diamond lead? I think that *say on the lead of the four of hearts* declarer should win in dummy and immediately play three rounds of spades. If East discards, declarer will be able to ruff small, and later ruff a spade high to establish the suit. But East should ruff the third spade; South overruffs, and now has to decide which defender has the last trump (the eight). It is probably best to hope West has it, and play for a second spade ruff.

However, a feasible line after taking the spade ruff is to draw trumps, and then take a diamond finesse and play as Forder did. That is not such good odds though – you need the king of diamonds to be onside and in addition for East to have at least four diamonds to "isolate the menace". As the cards lie, either line works.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in *Sport* and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer assistance

The computer-assisted match between *Garry Kasparov* and Veselin Topalov (during play both players had access to ChessBase and Fritz) did not, on preliminary examination, display any peculiarities which would distinguish the games from normal encounters between these two.

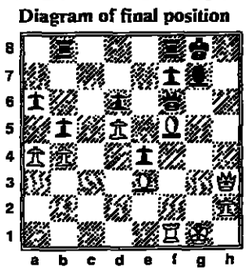
The main difference with the computer-assisted play is that Topalov scored rather better against Kasparov than one would expect in normal contests. Once again, as with *the Karpov-Polgar match* reported yesterday, these games were not eligible for rating.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Veselin Topalov
Man + Computer match.
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English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	d4	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	g3	c5
5	Bg2	Qa5+
6	Nc3	Ne4
7	Qd3	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Nc5
9	Qd1	Nc6
10	e3	Ne6
11	0-0	Qc5
12	Ndb5	a6
13	Na4	Qxc4
14	Nbc3	Rb8
15	Nb6	Qc5
16	Ncd5	0-0
17	b4	Qd6
18	Rb1	Nc7
19	Nc4	Qe6
20	e4	d6
21	Be3	Qd7
22	Ncb6	Qd8
23	f4	Nxd5
24	exd5	Na7
25	Rc1	Bf5
26	g4	Nc8
27	Nc4	Bd7
28	Qe2	Bb5
29	Qf2	e6
30	Rid1	e5
31	f5	gxf5
32	gxf5	Qf6
33	a4	Bxc4
34	Rxc4	Ne7
35	Rf1	Kh8
36	Qg3	b5
37	Rh4	Nd5
38	Rxh7+	Kxh7
39	Be4	Kg8
40	Bxf5	e4
41	Qh3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Go championship

The 1998 British championship in the Oriental board game of Go started last weekend and continues during the week. The players are Matthew Macfadyen (who is a six-dan) and challenger Edmund Shaw (a five-dan). The match is being held at the Daiwa Foundation near Regent's Park in London. Results and games are being posted on the website:

www.britgo.demon.co.uk

Junior chess

The intercontinental junior chess tournament will be held from July 14 to 16 at King Edward's School, Witley, Surrey. Countries represented are: United States, Yugoslavia, South Africa and England.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in *Sport* and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SINGSPIEL
a. A musical mobile
b. An Austrian cambered roof
c. A musical play

TILLICUM
a. An abrasive stone
b. A medicinal herb
c. A chum

VERNEH
a. A hunting dog
b. A Ugaritic vowel
c. A rug

YAYLA
a. A camp site
b. A veil
c. Curdled mare's milk

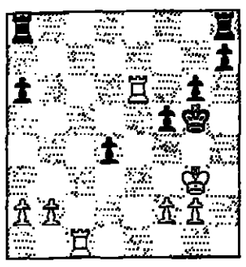
Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine – Skala, Prerov 1943.

Here Black is a pawn ahead but the position of his king gives some cause for concern. How does White proceed?



Solution on page 44

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RACING: INTIKHAB AND FAITHFUL SON GAIN THE DAY FOR SHEIKH MOHAMMED'S ENTERPRISE

Godolphin plunders prizes in style

By Chris McGrath

IN WHOLESOME contrast to their compatriots' Neanderthal behaviour in the streets of Marseille, yesterday the English were shown how plundering riches overseas can be a thoroughly civilised enterprise. For the World Cup is not the only event uniting nations in sporting congress — and those who exported some of the Turf's most coveted prizes from Royal Ascot did so very much by sharing the graceful spirit of the occasion.

First there was Intikhab, who strongly resembled a champion miler when humbling the Queen Anne Stakes field by eight yawning lengths. Barely half an hour later, Faithful Son carried the same Godolphin colours to success

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in the Prince of Wales's Stakes. Sheikh Mohammed, the inspiration behind Godolphin, later saw his own silks prevail through Plan-B in the Britannia Handicap, while the St James's Palace and Coventry Stakes were shared between the Salman brothers.

There was no sense of cultural intrusion, however, to what could easily be construed as a downright pillaging of this most English of occasions. Sheikh Mohammed and his brethren, blending into the thronged winner's enclosure in their top hats and tails, revere the pageant and heritage of British racing — not least because of the thoroughbred's origins in the Middle East. His modern adventure with Godolphin, wintering horses in his Dubai homeland, represents a dynamic complement to those traditions.

Intikhab, however, is the legacy of the late David Morley, whose quaint charms took the English national character to the brink of caricature. Morley's readiness to embrace the Maktoums, when they were still an exotic new flavour in the game, was rewarded until his death last year by the loyal patronage of Sheikh Hamdan.

Now this colt, blooming after his stint in the desert, is becoming a vivid memorial to the trainer (another of whose former charges, Celeric, attempts to follow up last year's Gold Cup success tomorrow).

A runaway winner at Epsom on Derby day, Intikhab took command around a furlong and a half out — and Frankie Dettori felt a rush of acceleration as Intikhab made each of his rivals resemble monuments to a cavalry general.

"He has a great turn of foot, and is clearly progressing the right way," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said. "We'll keep him to straight courses for the moment and aim at the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville. We tried him over a mile and a quarter in Dubai, and he simply did not get the trip. I'm relieved, because he was perhaps our best chance of the meeting — it can only get harder from here."

It was tough going, all right, for Daylami in a rough race for the Prince of Wales's Stakes. But while he could not retrieve a lost cause when switched out of trouble by Dettori, John Reid was enhancing his fine record on Godolphin's second-string runners, with Faithful Son. Reid, who so nearly won the Derby wearing the same white cap on City Honours, just denied Kieren Fallon at his fiercest on Chester House.

"Frankie felt he was a bit squeezed up, but it was always going to be tough for Daylami to give 5lb to Faithful Son," Crisford said. "We shall probably run both in the Coral-Eclipse next, so at levels we'll find out if he was a bit unlucky here."

There is no question that luck did not embrace the Irish with Access All Areas, who proved rather unhappily named when failing to negotiate a passage until too late in the Coventry. He flew into third behind Red Sea, who was confirming Paul Cole's sure touch with an Ascot juvenile.

Consolation awaited Irish punters in the closing Ascot Stakes, but not for those who joined the big gamble on Generosa. While she slid virtually onto all fours at Swinley Bottom, instead it was San Sebastian who gave Eddie Ahern, the Irish champion apprentice, his first taste of the big-time.



Intikhab, ridden by Dettori, powers clear in the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

Silca Blanka can reward hunt for value

GUIDE TO THE SIX RACES

2.30: Diktat is one of the bets of the meeting, especially after the good show by David Loder's two runners yesterday. The Warning colt works alongside Desert Prince at home and has looked useful when winning twice this season. His Newmarket maiden victory — achieved on soft ground — has worked out well, and he coped with the step up in class when beating Rabi at Leicester. This race has been chosen in preference to the St James's Palace Stakes and a stiff seven furlongs should be ideal. Bianconi, fourth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas after winning a Navan maiden in heavy ground, enters calculations, along with Ho Leng, who won a competitive handicap at York over today's trip last month. [RE]

3.05: Bint Allayl is another to make plenty of appeal. After she just failed to beat Pipalong, who had won her previous start by 12 lengths, the Green Desert filly was impressive when beating the highly regarded Speedy James and Monkston Point from a bad draw in the National Stakes. The form of that fast-run race looks solid with the third, Monkston Point, having bolted up at Bath on Saturday. Pipalong, proven on soft ground, should make the frame at least, but the biggest danger may be posed by Forante. The Roger Charlton-trained filly was an impressive winner on her debut in a fast-run race at Nottingham nine days ago and looks well above average. [RE]

3.45: Zalaiyka's runaway French 1,000 Guineas success sets the standard, but, while she had previously won in testing conditions, fast ground suited her turn of foot that day. She is unlikely to offer value in what may be a falsely run race on dead ground. Neither La Nuit Rose, third, nor Soeur Ti, hampered in behind, found as much under pressure as might be expected on their next outings, while Exclusive may need faster ground. Promising at two, **Grazia** is not guaranteed to get the trip, but should handle the ground and might be value to pinch a tactical affair. Her trainer produced Last Second to go close on her reappearance two years ago. [CM]

4.20: Hornbeam, far from disgraced in group one company on unsuitably fast ground at Newbury last time, enters calculations on his favoured surface. Third over this straight course in the Jersey Stakes last year, he showed his liking for easy ground when winning the listed Doncaster Mile in March and looks to have been laid out for this valuable handicap. A high draw appears no disadvantage judged on yesterday's races on the straight course. After several placed efforts, For Your Eyes Only improved markedly to land the Whitsun Cup at Sandown and he has sound form claims. A case can readily be made for Labeq, Fly To The Stars, who has been working brilliantly at home, and Bold Words, while **Silca Blanka** can run a big race at decent odds. He missed last season but looks to have lost none of his ability while sliding to a respectable handicap mark. He was far from disgraced behind Intikhab at Epsom and should relish today's straight mile and easy ground. [RE]

4.55: Henry Cecil's strong hand here is headed by **Capri**, who fared creditably behind the classy Greek Dance when dropped in trip at York. He had previously shaped as though a thorough stayer in winning two races on easier ground at Newmarket by a total of 16 lengths. In the first of these, he routed his stablemate, Laurentide, though that one might get a closer here, as he too looks a dour sort and the ground was too lively when he failed to impress last time. Maridpour remains an unknown quantity after an easy win at Hamilton. [CM]

5.30: A low draw here may not necessarily be the disadvantage it looks as the going seemed easier on the round course yesterday and they might conceivably stay under the trees on the far side. Either way, **Sabadilla** ran such a cracker on unsuitably fast ground on his reappearance at Epsom that he looks sure to go close here. He has evidently done well over the winter, and could be ready to step up in class. The unexposed Ganga is an interesting alternative, with Peslier up, as she should improve for the extra distance and relishes give underfoot. Leading Spirit's prominent style of running can prosper if a high draw proves an asset. [CM]

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DIKTAT
(2.30 Royal Ascot)
Next best: Bint Allayl
(3.05 Royal Ascot)

2.30 JERSEY STAKES (BBC1)

(Group III: 3-Y-O: £38,715: 7f) (17 runners)

101	(14)	1312-1	BOLD FACT 32 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-2	K Fallon	104
102	(3)	011-245	LA-FAAH 11 (BF,D,G,S) (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-2	R Hills	113
103	(16)	311-302	MERLIN'S RING 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Plummer) I Balding 9-2	T Quinn	[illegible]
104	(7)	2-4211	VOLONTIERS 11 (D,G,S) (Commoners) P Harris 8-13	Pat Eddery	113
105	(6)	2-14	BIANCONI 25 (S) (Mrs J Magnier) A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-10	M J Kinane	105
106	(8)	5530-11	BOLD EDGE 33 (F,S) (Lady Whent) R Hannon 8-10	Dane O'Neill	118
107	(15)	1-102	DARING DEREK 32 (B,F,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-10	O Peslier	108
108	(2)	0-11	DIKTAT 22 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-10	D Holland	113
109	(5)	134-3	HEADHUNTER 21 (G,S) (Highclere Ltd) W Haggas 8-10	J Fortune	98
110	(1)	125-1	HO LENG 34 (D,F,G) (A Guthrie) Miss L Perratt 8-10	J Weaver	111
111	(10)	811	JALAAB 21 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-10	G Carter	97
112	(17)	360-51	LONE PIPER 45 (D,G) (S Manana) C Brittain 8-10	J Reid	87
113	(12)	05	LORENZO 4 (H Al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 8-10	R Cochrane	76
114	(9)	00-0	ONE DINAR 5 (Greenfield Stud) K Mahdi 8-10	R Ffrench	—
115	(13)	11-2	RABI 22 (D,F) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-10	L Dettori	114
116	(11)	2-01	LOVERS KNOT 6 (D,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-7	W R Swinburn	103
117	(4)	010-02	OLLIN 22 (F) (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-7	D Biggs	100

BETTING: 11-4 Diktat, 5-1 Bianconi, 7-1 Rabi, 8-1 Bold Fact, Daring Derek, 10-1 La-Faah, Volontiers, Lovers Knot. 12-1 others.

1997: AMONG MEN 8-13 M J Kinane (4-1 fav) Sir M Stoute 20 ran

FORM FOCUS: Bold Fact beat Daring Derek (1lb worse off) 2l in 7-runner stakes (listed) at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Volontiers beat Merlin's Ring (3lb better off) ½l in 9-runner stakes (listed) at Epsom (7f, good) with La-faah (3lb better off) 2½l 5th. Bianconi 9l 4th of 7 to Desert Prince in group I stakes at Curragh (1m, good to firm). Bold Edge beat Gorse ½l in 7-runner stakes at Newbury (6f 8yd, good to firm). Diktat beat Rabi (5lb better off) 1½l in 4-runner stakes at Leicester (7f 9yd, good). Ho Leng beat Kayo neck in 19-runner handicap at York (6f 214yd, good). Jalaab beat The Editor ¾l in 4-runner at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, firm) with Headhunter (levels) 3¼l 3rd. Lone Piper beat Quiet Assurance neck in 6-runner stakes at Newmarket (7f, good). Lorenzo 9l 5th of 11 to Pure Gold in maiden stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). Lovers Knot beat Old Tradition 11l in 8-runner maiden stakes at Yarmouth (7f 3yd, soft). Ollin 1l 2nd of 4 to Ruzen in stakes at Leicester (5f 218yd, good).

RABI must be fancied to reverse Leicester form with Diktat on these terms

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THUNDERER

2.30 **BIANCONI** (nap)	4.20 Hunters Of Brora
3.05 Bint Allayl	4.55 Capri
3.45 Zalaiyka	5.30 Ganga

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.20 **GULF SHAADI**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Lovers Knot. 3.45 Exclusive. 5.30 **SABADILLA** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M STR, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

3.05 QUEEN MARY STAKES (BBC1)

(Group III: 2-Y-O: £29,775: 5f) (17 runners)

201	(17)	54	AMAZING DREAM 22 (Mrs P & P Jubert) R Hannon 8-8	Dane O'Neill	87
202	(7)	12	ATLANTIC DESTINY 12 (G) (Atlantic Racing Ltd) M Johnston 8-8	D Holland	108
203	(16)	6	AUBRIETA 33 (A Saeed) C Brittain 8-8	O Peslier	79
204	(5)	21	BINT ALLAYL 22 (D,G) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Channon 8-8	L Dettori	114
205	(1)	60	BLACK ROCKET 5 (H Al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 8-8	R Cochrane	76
206	(2)	421	CORALITA 4 (D,S) (Mrs J Magnier) A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-8	M J Kinane	104
207	(6)	321	DAMALIS 41 (D,F) (L Ferguson) E Alston 8-8	G Duffield	103
208	(12)	1	FORANTE 9 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-8	Pat Eddery	95
209	(15)	61	INCA TERN 30 (D,F) (TT Partnership) G Bravery 8-8	M Hills	99
210	(9)	515	IVORY'S PROMISE 22 (D,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 8-8	Martin Dwyer	95
211	(10)	41	KARISAL 25 (D,S) (Mrs J Hawkins) J Berry 8-8	J Fortune	89
212	(8)	031	LIGHTNING BLAZE 11 (D) (Racing Thoroughbreds) P McEntee 8-8	A McCarthy	87
213	(14)	2103	LITTLE MOVIE STAR 11 (BF,D) (Roldvale Ltd) B Meehan 8-8	J Weaver	88
214	(4)	11	PIPALONG 36 (D,G,S) (T Bennett) T Easterby 8-8	K Fallon	[illegible]
215	(3)	1	SHE-WOLFF 19 (F) (P Cooper (S Abbot Racing)) P Makin 8-8	S Sanders	101
216	(13)	245	SMITTENBY 18 (W Harrison-Allan) Mrs P Dutfield 8-8	J Quinn	97
217	(11)	01	TAMARA 19 (D,S) (Mrs J Wilson) J Bethell 8-8	D Harrison	89

BETTING: 2-1 Bint Allayl, 9-2 Pipalong, 13-2 Forante, 7-1 Coralita, 8-1 Atlantic Destiny, 10-1 She-Wolff, 12-1 Damalis, 16-1 others.

1997: RAJWAH 8-8 R Hills (10-1) P Walwyn 18 ran

FORM FOCUS: Atlantic Destiny 2½l 2nd of 7 to Lady Angharad in stakes (listed) at Epsom (6f, good). Aubrieta 7¾l 6th of 7 to Golden Silca in fillies stakes at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to firm). Bint Allayl beat Speedy James 3½l in 7-runner stakes (listed) at Sandown (5f 6yd, good) with Amazing Dream (levels) 6½l 4th, Ivory's Promise (levels) 8¼l 5th and Little Movie Star (levels) 8½l last. Black Rocket 21l 7th of 8 to Head Honcho in maiden stakes at Sandown (5f 6yd, good to soft). Coralita beat Sparkling Outlook short head in 9-runner maiden stakes at Cork (5f, good to soft). Damalis beat Kalidasa neck in 10-runner maiden fillies at Chester (5f 16yd, good to firm) with Karisal (levels) 2¾l 4th. Forante beat Entropy 3l in 10-runner maiden stakes at Nottingham (5f 13yd, good to firm). Inca Tern beat Consultant 5l in 5-runner novice stakes at Bath (5f 11yd, firm). Karisal beat Bollin Rita 1¾l in 7-runner maiden fillies at Haydock (5f, good to soft). Lightning Blaze beat Lady Carbron 1l in 7-runner fillies selling stakes at Wolverhampton (5f, Aw, fibresand). Little Movie Star 3l 3rd of 6 to Boldly Goes in novice stakes at Wolverhampton (6f, fibresand). Pipalong beat Bint Allayl (6lb worse off) neck in 6-runner novice stakes at York (5f, good). She-Wolff beat Little Gem 5l in 14-runner maiden fillies at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). Smittenby 7¾l 5th of 7 to Doctor Spin in novice stakes at Lingfield (5f, good); previously 3l 4th of 7 to Golden Silca in fillies stakes at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to firm) with Amazing Dream (3lb worse off) 6l 5th and Aubrieta (3lb worse off) 7¾l 6th. Tamara beat Acuria 1½l in 13-runner maiden fillies auction stakes at Catterick (5f, soft).

PIPALONG can confirm York form with the favourite Bint Allayl

3.45 CORONATION STAKES (BBC1)

(Group I: 3-Y-O: £127,000: 1m rnd) (10 runners)

301	(9)	222-005	CRAZEE MENTAL 24 (G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 9-0	M J Kinane	104
302	(7)	203-160	DAUNTING LADY 11 (G,S) (E Nagell-Erichsen & T Dale) R Hannon 9-0	R Hughes	117
303	(10)	13-63	EXCLUSIVE 45 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) Sir M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	[illegible]
304	(5)	21-	GRAZIA 342 (F) (C Humphris) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	98
305	(6)	4121-	LADY IN WAITING 354 (F,S) (Pegasus Racing Ltd) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	87
306	(8)	1-33	LA NUIT ROSE 24 (BF,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	106
307	(2)	134-61	NAROOSHKA 30 (F,G) (Teedee Thoroughbreds II) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	104
308	(3)	12-1502	SOEUR TI 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs M S Vidal) R Collet (Fr) 9-0	S Guillot	—
309	(4)	1025-4	WINONA 24 (G) (Lady Clague) J Oxx (Ire) 9-0	J Murtagh	99
310	(1)	511-11	ZALAIYKA 38 (D,G,S) (H R H Aga Khan) A De Royer Dupre (Fr) 9-0	G Mosse	101

BETTING: 11-8 Zalaiyka, 5-1 Exclusive, Grazia, 7-1 La Nuit Rose, 14-1 Daunting Lady, Soeur Ti, Winona, 20-1 Narooshka, Lady In Waiting, Crazee Mental.

1997: REBECCA SHARP 9-0 M Hills (25-1) G Wragg 6 ran

FORM FOCUS: Daunting Lady 7¾l 8th of 9 to Volontiers in stakes (listed) at Epsom (7f, good). Exclusive 5l 3rd of 16 to Cape Verdi in group I stakes at Newmarket (1m, good) with Daunting Lady (levels) 23l 8th and Crazee Mental (levels) 28l 10th. Grazia beat Milana 1l in 26-runner auction stakes at Redcar (6f, good to firm). Lady In Waiting beat Land Of Dreams 1¾l in 7-runner stakes (listed) at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). La Nuit Rose 2½l 3rd of 13 to Tarascon in fillies group I stakes at Curragh (1m, good to firm) with Winona (levels) 2¾l 4th and Crazee Mental (levels) 2½l 5th. Narooshka beat Moteyaar neck in 9-runner fillies stakes listed at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). Soeur Ti 2nd of 10 to Pharatta in fillies group II stakes at Chantilly (1m, good). Zalaiyka beat Cortona 4l in 14-runner group I stakes at Longchamp (1m, good) with La Nuit Rose (levels) 4¼l 3rd and Soeur Ti (levels) 10l 7th.

ZALAIYKA can give her trainer his first British win

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Wragg	6	16	37.5	O Peslier	5	27	18.5
S bin Suroor	7	33	21.2	M Kinane	14	80	17.5
P Cole	8	48	16.7	T Quinn	9	55	16.4
J Dunlop	7	45	15.6	K Fallon	5	33	15.2
H Cecil	5	40	12.5	L Dettori	9	60	15.0
J Gosden	4	35	11.4	M Hills	8	59	13.6
M Johnston	4	38	10.5	R Hughes	4	40	10.0

4.20 ROYAL HUNT CUP (BBC2)

(Handicap: £63,100: 1m str) (32 runners)

401	(3)	123-233	FLY TO THE STARS 81 (CD,F) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-11	L Dettori	119
402	(12)	52040-5	BOLD WORDS 35 (D,F,G,S) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-8	M J Kinane	127
403	(28)	/130-10	HORNBEAM 32 (D,S) (K Payne) J Jenkins 4-9-7	W R Swinburn	114
404	(16)	20-6246	SUPERCAL 11 (F,G,S) (Caledonian Society) D Elsworth 4-9-4	N Pollard (7)	125
405	(6)	/321-01	DARNAWAY 32 (F,G) (D Wills) H Cecil 4-8-13	K Fallon	107
406	(2)	121-550	STRAZO 23 (D,F,G,S) (E Rettel) Lady Herries 5-8-12	Dean McKeown	115
407	(21)	1002020	GULF SHAADI 11 (D,F,G) (Bibby Halliday Plus) E Alston 6-8-11	S Sanders	[illegible]
408	(10)	022-321	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY 23 (B,D,G) T Easterby 4-8-11 (7ex)	J Weaver	127
409	(26)	310-340	RIGHT WING 46 (BF,D,S) (Earl Cadogan) J Dunlop 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	121
410	(30)	253-031	CRUMPTON HILL 31 (D,F,G) (T Chadney) N Graham 6-8-10	M Roberts	116
411	(32)	3016-33	SHOWBOAT 35 (D,F) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 4-8-10	D Holland	124
412	(22)	6000-00	OMAHA CITY 6 (F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-8-10	J Fortune	109
413	(11)	R151-01	ROCK FALCON 31 (B,D,F,G,S) (E Rettel) Lady Herries 5-8-9	R Cochrane	117
414	(9)	4030-15	HUNTERS OF BRORA 60 (D,F,S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 8-8-9	J Reid	121
415	(7)	101-020	LABEQ 23 (BF,F) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-9	R Hills	129
416	(4)	35-6405	CAYMAN KAI 11 (F,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 5-8-8	R Hughes	118
417	(18)	1522-4	LATALOMNE 32 (D,F) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-8	O Peslier	121
418	(20)	06-4000	PRINCE OF MY HEART 31 (D,G,S) (G Hicks) D Haydn Jones 5-8-6	T Quinn	121
419	(13)	2400-30	CONCER UN 12 (D,F,G,S) (E Lloyd) S C Williams 6-8-4	K Darley	124
420	(1)	1/36/50	SILVER PREY 11 (F) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 5-8-3	M Henry	96
421	(5)	60/0330	SILCA BLANKA 11 (F,G,S) (G Duckhaven Stud) A Newcombe 6-8-2	J Quinn	108
422	(29)	02003-4	KAYVEE 40 (D,F,G,S) (J Richmond-Watson) Mrs A Perrett 9-8-2	A Clark	109
423	(31)	6200-25	KING OF TUNES 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 6-8-2	G Duffield	126
424	(19)	0-00063	SHARP HAT 16 (F,G,S) (J Smith) R Hannon 4-8-1	Dane O'Neill	121
425	(27)	65340-3	RAHEEN 23 (D) (B Kielany) R Fahey 5-8-1	R Winston (5)	119
426	(14)	2301-06	CONSORT 31 (D,F) (Mrs S Whitehead) Mrs A Perrett 5-8-0	C Rutter	121
427	(15)	020-002	SUGARFOOT 22 (G) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 4-7-12	R Ffrench	116
428	(25)	631-155	TOPATORI 47 (D,F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 4-7-11	A Nicholls (7)	122
429	(6)	1422142	REFUSE TO LOSE 12 (D,G) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-7-11	J Tate	129
430	(23)	411-005	LIONIZE 29 (B,D,F,G) (Lord H De Walden) Mrs J Cecil 5-7-10	Martin Dwyer	117
431	(17)	150-064	CHIEF MONARCH 12 (D,F) (T Staunton) R Fahey 4-7-10	A Mackay	121
432	(24)	03-0060	ZUGUDI 5 (F) (Sheik A Al Sabah) K Mahdi 4-7-10	M Baird (3)	118

BETTING: 10-1 Fly To The Stars, 12-1 Darnaway, Raheen, Right Wing, 14-1 Crumpton Hill, For Your Eyes Only, Gulf Shaadi, Rock Falcon, 20-1 Silca Blanka, Hornbeam, 22-1 others.

1997: RED ROBBO 4-8-6 O Peslier (16-1) R Akehurst 32 ran

FORM FOCUS: Fly To The Stars 12l 3rd of 10 to Annus Mirabilis in stakes at Nad Al Sheba (1m 2f, standard). Darnaway beat Plaisir D'Amour 1½l in 6-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with Latalomne (6lb better off) 2¾l 4th and Strazo (6lb better off) 3l 5th. For Your Eyes Only beat Wud Venture 3½l in 12-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 14yd, good to firm). Right Wing 6¾l 8th of 11 to Beauchamp King in handicap at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). Crumpton Hill beat Reunion short head in 5-runner stakes at Kempton (7f, good to firm). Rock Falcon beat Soplizi 4l in 9-runner handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Kayvee 3½l 4th of 10 to Peartree House in stakes at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). Sharp Hat 1½l 3rd of 8 to Caribbean Monarch in stakes at Windsor (6f, good to firm). Sugarfoot neck 2nd of 4 to Premium Rate in limited stakes at Redcar (7f, good to firm). Topatori 8l 5th of 8 to Yabint El Sultan in fillies listed stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft). Refuse To Lose 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Persian Fayre in limited stakes at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). Lionize 3½l 5th of 8 to Sick As A Parrot in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). Chief Monarch 1l 4th of 14 to Philistar in handicap at Epsom (1m 114yd, good) with Concer Un (levels) 7½l 10th.

FLY TO THE STARS can justify connections' supreme confidence

4.55 QUEENS VASE

(Group III: 3-Y-O: £35,725: 2m 45yd) (8 runners)

501	(1)	2-112	CAPRI 34 (S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	113
502	(6)	0-21	CHURLISH CHARM 32 (F) (M Sutcliffe) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	96
503	(4)	52	FRANCIS BAY 38 (M Watt) D Weld (Ire) 8-11	M J Kinane	96
504	(7)	21	LAURENTIDE 18 (F) (Mrs V Kraft Payson) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	104
505	(5)	021	MARIDPOUR 33 (G) (H R H Aga Khan) Sir M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	116
506	(3)	16-1	SINON 36 (F,G) (Ridings Racing) M Johnston 8-11	D Holland	[illegible]
507	(8)	3316-42	WALES 23 (G) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	118
508	(2)	2-511	STAR CRYSTAL 7 (G,S) (M Poland) H Cecil 8-8	Pat Eddery	112

BETTING: 11-10 Capri, 9-2 Sinon, 7-1 Laurentide, Star Crystal, 8-1 Maridpour, 10-1 Wales, 20-1 Francis Bay, 33-1 Churlish Charm.

1997: WINDSOR CASTLE 8-11 T Quinn (9-2) P Cole 11 ran

FORM FOCUS: Capri 6l 2nd of 5 to Greek Dance in stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Churlish Charm beat Kimberley 1½l in 6-runner maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). Francis Bay ¾l 2nd of 6 to Jamac in maiden stakes at Leopardstown (1m 4f, good). Laurentide beat Lucayan Spring ¾l in 3-runner maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). Maridpour beat Richmond Hill 26l in 4-runner maiden stakes at Hamilton (1m 4f 17yd, good). Sinon beat Elbayq ½l in 4-runner stakes at York (1m 5f 194yd, good). Star Crystal beat Last Christmas 12l in 3-runner stakes at Salisbury (1m 6f 15yd, soft).

SINON has useful form already and will relish the trip

5.30 BESSBOROUGH HANDICAP

(£29,700: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

601	(4)	0114-44	SAUSALITO BAY 32 (F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 4-10-0	R Cochrane	116
602	(2)	45211-2	SABADILLA 11 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-11	L Dettori	[illegible]
603	(16)	212020-	SUPPLY AND DEMAND 90J (F,S) (Action) G L Moore 4-9-9	K Darley	104
604	(14)	60-0246	PRESENT ARMS 11 (D,F,S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 5-9-8	T Quinn	118
605	(10)	331-0	GREEK PALACE 46 (BF,F) (Lord Weinstock) Sir M Stoute 4-9-8	W R Swinburn	95
606	(7)	2312-02	DREAM OF NURMI 27 (D,G) (C Basher) A Stewart 4-9-6	M Roberts	113
607	(13)	0-00411	HAJR 11 (D,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	120
608	(9)	016-332	STAR PRECISION 35 (D,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-9-5	S Drowne	104
609	(20)	2-14	SCATTERGUN 14 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 4-9-5	J Fortune	100
610	(18)	64040-4	BETTER OFFER 27 (D,F,G) (Sir Eric Parker) Mrs A Perrett 6-9-4	J Reid	114
611	(3)	3000-22	GENEROUS LIBRA 34 (BF,F) (W Said) J Dunlop 4-9-2	R Hughes	109
612	(15)	1353-64	SHAFT OF LIGHT 11 (V,D,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-2	D Harrison	119
613	(8)	0241/01	HENRY ISLAND 28 (D,F,G,S) (H Morriss) G Wragg 5-9-2	M Hills	106
614	(6)	22418-1	WINGED HUSSAR 24 (D,F,S) (Dundalk Racing Club) J Oxx (Ire) 5-9-1	J Murtagh	—
615	(1)	20500-0	WILLIE CONQUER 11 (D,F) (R Tooth) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-0	A Clark	100
616	(19)	1/14-03	LEADING SPIRIT 25 (D,F,G) (Jaduna Racing Partners Two) C Wall 6-8-11	G Hind	107
617	(5)	6101-03	GANGA 48 (G,S) (Cuadra Africa) W Jarvis 4-8-11	O Peslier	114
618	(12)	113-044	SUBTLE INFLUENCE 27 (D,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 4-8-9	M J Kinane	93
619	(11)	35321-0	MONITOR 56 (F) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 4-8-9	K Fallon	100
620	(17)	1101-05	HIGH INTRIGUE 25 (BF,F,G,S) (Lordship Stud) H Cecil 4-8-7	W Ryan	101

BETTING: 5-1 Sabadilla, 6-1 Hajr, 7-1 Winged Hussar, 8-1 Generous Libra, 10-1 Shaft Of Light, 12-1 Dream Of Nurmi, Henry Island, Monitor, 14-1 others.

1997: ZARALASKA 6-8-13 Pat Eddery (8-1) L Cumani 19 ran

FORM FOCUS: Sausalito Bay 5¼l 4th of 8 to Yorkshire in stakes (listed) at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, good to firm). Supply And Demand 21l 14th of 16 to Amyas in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Dream Of Nurmi 1½l 2nd of 8 to Hajr (9lb worse off) in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm) with Better Offer (2lb better off) 6l 4th. Star Precision 2½l 2nd of 7 to Arriving in fillies listed stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Scattergun 8l 4th of 5 to Clerkenwell in stakes at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good). Generous Libra 1l 2nd of 13 to Prince Of Denial in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Henry Island beat Maweed neck in 7-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to firm). Winged Hussar beat Kayaara short head in 11-runner handicap at Curragh (1m 4f, good to firm). Leading Spirit 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Emerald Heights in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). Ganga 2l 3rd of 14 to American Whisper in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with Hajr (10lb worse off) 2¼l 4th. Subtle Influence a distance last of 4 to Ismaros in stakes at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good to firm). High Intrigue 2½l 5th of 11 to Premier Night in handicap at Kempton (2m, good).

HIGH INTRIGUE has been running well and the step back in trip will suit

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12/1	Darnaway	25/1	Topatori
12/1	Right Wing	28/1	Labeq
12/1	Rock Falcon	28/1	Strazo
14/1	Gulf Shaadi	28/1	Supercal
14/1	Raheen	33/1	Chief Monarch
16/1	Crumpton Hill	33/1	Concer Un
16/1	For Your Eyes Only	33/1	Sugarfoot
18/1	Bold Words	40/1	Kayvee
18/1	Hunters Of Brora	50/1	Cayman Kai
20/1	Consort	50/1	Lionize
20/1	Latalomne	50/1	Prince Of My Heart
20/1	Refuse To Lose	50/1	Sharp Hat
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Dr Fong aids recovery powers

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent


Cecil: warm gesture

DR FONG, named after a consultant who nursed the mother of the horse's owner, Ahmed Salman, through a serious illness, grabbed the glory on the opening day of Royal Ascot yesterday — but it was two other medical patients who deserved the plaudits.

Kieren Fallon, returning to race riding after suffering a painful knee injury last week, timed his run to perfection on the Kris S colt to land the St James's Palace Stakes and earn a rave review from Henry Cecil, the winning trainer.

However, the heroine of the hour was Annette Seal, 30, the stable lass at Cecil's Warren Place yard who looks after Dr Fong — until she had her knee shattered in a freak accident on the gallops three months ago. Still on crutches and with her right knee heavily bandaged, she made the journey to the Berkshire course yesterday to watch her horse win the featured group one race — and found herself in the spotlight as Cecil included her in the post-race pictures in the hallowed winner's enclosure.

As the winning connections, under the banner of the Thoroughbred Corporation, congratulated Cecil after the group one race, the ten times champion trainer spotted Seal watching in the background and, in a typically warm gesture, beckoned for her to come and join in the photocall.

"Two days before Dr Fong ran in France last time, she was kicked by another horse when she was riding out and her knee was shattered. Another horse, not Dr Fong, was frightened when someone else's horses were being schooled through the stalls and lashed out and caught her on the knee," Cecil explained. "I saw her standing in the background after the race — she deserved to be nearer the front so I called her over."

The thrill of Dr Fong's success and the unexpected taste of the limelight brought a tear to Seal's eye and went some way to compensating for the agony of recent weeks, which included an operation requiring replacement of a cartilage.

"I aim to be fit by November because I want to take part in the British freestyle karate championships. I won my place in the finals a couple of days before the accident," she said.

In the St James's Palace Stakes, Desert Prince relaxed beautifully in front for the Derby-winning jockey, Olivier Peslier, and, turning for home, it looked as though the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner would repeat the stable success of Starborough 12 months earlier.

With Victory Note, the well-backed favourite, never threatening the leader, Dr Fong emerged from the pack to throw down a challenge at the furlong pole and his proven stamina won the day close home.

Dr Fong was providing Cecil with his 64th winner at his favourite meeting of the year. "I love Ascot and having winners here. Hopefully, there will be more to come this week.

"I thought Kieren rode a brilliant race on Dr Fong and he is riding fantastically well. He's tough and always bounces back and it is very good for him to come back and win a race like this after his knee injury."

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Miss Bussell. 2.45 Katie Komaite. 3.20 Dispol Clan. 3.55 Dona Filipa. 4.30 Gold Edge. 5.05 Lord Advocate.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 RUTHERGLEN CLASSIFIED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,290: 1m 65yd) (7 runners)

1 (3) 4000 PIPE MUSIC 13 (D) P Haslam 9-0 C Lowther 87
2 (2) 125 CHARLIES BRIDE 19 (BF,S) J J O'Neill 8-11 W Supple 95
3 (1) 060- HASTATE 245 W Jarvis 8-11 L Charnock 64
4 (6) -000 PREMIUM QUEST 12 (V,D,S) R Fahey 8-11 O Pears 78
5 (5) 0-00 TEMPER LAD 13 (V) J Gosden 8-11 Dale Gibson 65
6 (4) 4502 MISS BUSSELL 12 B Hills 8-8 J D Smith (3) 92
7 (7) -050 TORIANNA 6 M Wane 8-8 J Carroll 66

5-2 Miss Bussell, 4-1 Charlies Bride, 9-2 Temper Lad, 6-1 Premium Quest, 7-1 Pipe Music, Hastate, 10-1 Torianna.

2.45 SUNDAY MAIL HANDICAP
(£3,485: 1m 1f 36yd) (6)

1 (2) 1051 HIGH PREMIUM 16 (CD,S) R Fahey 10-10-0 O Pears 94
2 (6) 3052 SEGALA 7 (C,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 7-8-12 W Supple 97
3 (5) 6-60 SWAN ISLAND 19 W Brisbourne 4-8-3 J Carroll 89
4 (1) /000 MOUNTAIN DREAM 12J R Allan 5-8-0 J Bramhill 74
5 (3) 0001 KATIE KOMAITE 9 (V,S) G Rees 5-7-12 (5ex) R Mullen (3) 95
6 (4) 0060 NOBBY BARNES 7 (D,F,G) E Incisa 9-7-10 Kim Tinkler [illegible]

6-4 High Premium, 3-1 Segala, 7-2 Katie Komaite, 7-1 Nobby Barnes, 12-1 Mountain Dream, 16-1 Swan Island.

3.20 DRUMLOCH CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,248: 5f 4yd) (7)

1 (5) 0 EMWILLGEO 22 P Haslam 9-2 C Lowther 64
2 (3) 603 RISKY EXPERIENCE 14 P Evans 9-2 J Carroll 79
3 (6) 4121 RED SYMPHONY 18 (D,F) J Berry 8-12 P Fessey 85
4 (2) 0201 SWEET AS A NUT 7 (D,G) C Dwyer 8-12 J Gotobed (7) 88
5 (7) 0 ULTRA NEAT 25 P Evans 8-9 W Supple —
6 (1) 1224 DISPOL CLAN 7 (D,S) P Calver 7-10 Dale Gibson [illegible]
7 (4) 004 PHANTOM THREEONINE 18 (B) W Kemp 7-10 R Mullen (3) 56

11-4 Red Symphony, 7-2 Dispol Clan, 4-1 Risky Experience, 9-2 Sweet As A Nut, 8-1 Ultra Neat, Phantom Threeonine, 14-1 Emwillgeo.

3.55 BLENHEIM SELLING STAKES (£2,220: 5f) (8)

1 (7) 3124 HENRY THE HAWK 6 (CD,F,S) M Dods 7-9-9 J Carroll 67
2 (8) 0516 PALACEGATE JACK 14 (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-9 C Lowther 94
3 (5) 0-21 SOUPERFICIAL 6 (C,D,F,S) E Incisa 7-9-9 Kim Tinkler 87
4 (6) 6000 ANOTHER EPISODE 6 (D,S) L Perratt 9-9-3 J McAuley (7) 65
5 (4) 6-50 MILLESIME 16 (D,F) M Wane 6-9-3 R Lappin 87
6 (1) 2034 PALLIUM 7 (B,CD,F,G) D Nolan 10-9-3 P Fessey 80
7 (3) 0030 DONA FILIPA 7 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 5-8-12 O Pears [illegible]
8 (2) 0040 TURF MOOR 6 (B) J J O'Neill 3-8-6 W Supple 76

3-1 Henry The Hawk, 7-2 Souperficial, 9-2 Palacegate Jack, Pallium, 6-1 Dona Filipa, 10-1 Turf Moor, 14-1 Another Episode, 20-1 Millesime.

4.30 ALLIANCE & LEICESTER HANDICAP
(£3,550: 6f 5yd) (10)

1 (3) 0002 JEFFREY ANOTHERRED 2 (C,D) M Dods 4-9-10 J Carroll 95
2 (9) 2220 DAVIS ROCK 20 (D,G) R McKellar 4-9-6 R Lappin 86
3 (6) 1505 PAGEBOY 117 (CD,F) P Haslam 9-9-2 C Lowther 85
4 (4) 4002 NAISSANT 6 (D,G,S) M Wane 5-8-13 J D Smith (3) 89
5 (2) 0040 AMRON 19 (C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 11-8-11 P Fessey [illegible]
6 (10) 3004 GOLD EDGE 7 (D,F) Enrico Incisa 4-8-10 Kim Tinkler 87
7 (1) 0035 MISTER WESTSOUND 16 (B,CD,F) L Perratt 6-8-7 W Supple 76
8 (5) 0244 RIVER ENSIGN 4 (D,S) W Brisbourne 5-8-6 R Mullen (3) 76
9 (7) /00- DESERT LORE 505J (G) D Nolan 7-8-3 J Bramhill 54
10 (8) 3003 BIFF-EM 7 (C,G) Miss L Perratt 4-8-0 J McAuley (7) 67

3-1 Jeffrey Anotherred, 9-2 River Ensign, 5-1 Amron, 7-1 Pageboy, 8-1 Davis Rock, Naissant, Mister Westsound, 10-1 others.

5.05 ALMADA APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(£2,570: 1m 5f 9yd) (5)

1 (5) 6205 TYCOON TINA 19 (C,S) W Brisbourne 4-9-12 T Siddall (5) 76
2 (2) 6614 LORD ADVOCATE 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 10-9-1 P Fessey 68
3 (3) 4-05 OLD HUSH WING 47J (CD,F) P Haslam 5-8-13 P Goode (5) 75
4 (4) -650 URGENT REPLY 20 (C,F) C Dwyer 5-8-12 J Gotobed (5) 69
5 (1) 00-4 MAURANGI 11 (F,G) B Murray 7-7-10 R Mullen [illegible]

5-2 Lord Advocate, 3-1 Maurangi, 7-2 Tycoon Tina, Old Hush Wing, 13-2 Urgent Reply.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; P Haslam, 21 from 95, 22.1%; R Fahey, 5 from 29, 17.2%; J Berry, 32 from 224, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: O Pears, 4 winners from 21 rides, 19.0%; R Lappin, 7 from 42, 16.7%; C Lowther, 3 from 25, 12.0%, J Carroll, 24 from 203, 11.8%. Only qualifiers.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Blue Hopper. 2.55 Nikita's Star. 3.30 Fiori. 4.05 General Equation. 4.40 Five Ways Flyer. 5.15 Shipley Glen.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 WOODLAND FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,322: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 03-0 SODEN 18 (F) T Mills 4-10-0 S Whitworth 7
2 62-0 BONNE VILLE 44 (C) B Palling 4-9-6 T Sprake 6
3 1104 SHANGHAI LIL 30 (CD) M Fetherston-Godley 6-8-9 D Cox (7) 1
4 0-50 QUIBBLING 16 (V) K Comerford 4-8-7 W J O'Connor 8
5 3130 PALACEGATE JO 100 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-8-1 T Williams 4
6 0030 BLUE HOPPER 23 M Quinn 4-8-1 F Norton 9
7 4000 WELCOME LU 9 (F,G) J L Harris 5-8-1 J Lowe 2
8 00-3 BY JAY 12 B Curley 4-7-12 S Maloney 3
9 -001 IMPERIAL GLEN 9 (S) M Usher 4-7-10 J Marshall 5

9-4 By Jay, 7-2 Shanghai Lil, 5-1 Imperial Glen, 6-1 Bonne Ville, 7-1 Soden, Palacegate Jo, 25-1 Quibbling, Blue Hopper, Welcome Lu.

2.55 COPPICE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,364: 2m 46yd) (8)

1 2436 TIME CAN TELL 23J (G) R Juckes 4-9-5 V Slattery 6
2 35 MAZZELMO 12 A Bailey 5-9-4 A Bond (7) 8
3 1420 JARAAB 12 (V,BF,C,D) Miss S Wilton 7-9-3 N Callan (7) 3
4 6303 NIKITA'S STAR 12 (C,F) M Britain 5-9-1 P McCabe (3) 7
5 00/5 SHELTERED COVE 25 (D,F) K C-Brown 7-9-1 T Sprake 2
6 056/ MR CASAUBON 1411 (V) K Comerford 7-8-11 W J O'Connor 1
7 3215 MONACO GOLD 12 (V,D,F,S) D Cosgrove 6-8-9 M Rimmer 5
8 4/83 BENFLEET 13 (F,S) M Pipe 7-8-7 F Lynch 4

7-4 Jaraab, 9-4 Benfleet, 6-1 Monaco Gold, 7-1 Nikita's Star, 8-1 Time Can Tell, 16-1 Sheltered Cove, 20-1 Mazzelmo, 33-1 Mr Casaubon.

3.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,188: 6f) (9)

1 60 BORIS THE COSSACK 38 H Howe 9-0 N Adams 6
2 00 DANDY DANCER 14 S C Williams 9-0 F Lynch 1
3 63 FIORI 19 P Haslam 9-0 M Tebbutt 2
4 000 MALCHIK 18 P Howling 9-0 S Whitworth 8
5 NATIVE QUEST M Littmoden 9-0 A Daly (3) 9
6 0 VERY MUCH SO 9 Dr J Scargill 9-0 F Norton 7
7 DREAMING M Prescott 8-9 C Nutter 3
8 4 BILOU 21 C Fairhurst 8-9 A Culhane 4
9 0 HEATHYARDS TIPPLE 11 D McCain 8-9 W J O'Connor 5

7-4 Dreaming, 3-1 Bilou, 5-1 Fiori, 6-1 Native Quest, 8-1 Dandy Dancer, 20-1 Very Much So, Heathyards Tipple, 25-1 others.

4.05 FOREST HANDICAP (£3,493: 5f) (8)

1 214- DOMINANT AIR 243 (D,F,G) M Prescott 4-10-0 C Nutter 5
2 0500 SQUIRE CORRIE 5 (CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-7 A Culhane 1
3 0010 MANGUS 11 (D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-6 S Whitworth 7
4 0030 FEATHERSTONE LANE 6 (CD,F) L Siddall 7-9-3 W O'Connor 4
5 2001 RUSSIAN ROMEO 14 (B,C,G) B McMahon 3-9-0 L Newton 2
6 0-66 TEAR WHITE 27 (D,F) T Mills 4-9-0 T Williams 8
7 2024 ALJAZ 5 (CD,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-10 P McCabe (3) 3
8 3040 GENERAL EQUATION 5 (B,CD) J Balding 5-7-10 N Carlisle 6

5-2 Mangus, 3-1 Dominant Air, 4-1 Squire Corrie, 6-1 Aljaz, 7-1 Tear White 14-1 Featherstone Lane, Russian Romeo, 20-1 General Equation.

4.40 SPINNEY STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,725: 5f) (8)

1 16 FIVE WAYS FLYER 7 (D,G) P Evans 8-11 S Whitworth 4
2 00 MAGIC ROUNDABOUT 38 (B) H Howe 8-11 A Daly (3) 1
3 00 ARBOR EALIS 8 H Howe 8-6 N Adams 7
4 5054 JUST SUNDAY 11 W G M Turner 8-6 T Sprake 2
5 430 PRIDE OF LONDUBH 8 M Quinn 8-6 F Norton 3
6 506 RISK ONE FARTHING 11 J Berry 8-6 Iona Wands (5) 5
7 0 RUDI'S GIRL 8 W Muir 8-6 M Tebbutt 6
8 TWO TOO MUCH M Waring 8-6 F Lynch 8

9-4 Pride Of Londubh, 3-1 Just Sunday, 7-2 Five Ways Flyer, 4-1 Risk One Farthing, 10-1 Arbor Ealis, 20-1 Rudi's Girl, 25-1 Magic Roundabout, 33-1 Two Too Much.

5.15 COVERT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 1f) (8)

1 0004 TEA DANCER 4 (B) B Meehan 9-7 G Hannon (7) 7
2 1500 BINT NADIA 12 (CD,F) Miss J Craze 9-4 S Webster 5
3 001 NOUVEAU CHEVAL 22 (G) M Pipe 9-1 F Lynch 6
4 04-1 LYCIAN 19 (F) J Toller 8-10 S Whitworth 2
5 0-02 SHIPLEY GLEN 6 (BF) M Prescott 8-9 C Nutter 4
6 400- MISS MUFFETT 189 L Barratt 8-3 F Norton 3
7 060- TINDAYA 349 P Evans 8-0 N Adams 1
8 0-05 PERECAPA 20 B Palling 7-12 J Lowe 8

6-4 Shipley Glen, 3-1 Lycian, 5-1 Nouveau Cheval, 7-1 Bint Nadia, 8-1 Tea Dancer 16-1 Miss Muffett, 20-1 Tindaya, 33-1 Perecapa.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 30 winners from 123 runners, 24.4%; J Toller, 5 from 21, 23.8%, T Mills, 3 from 16, 18.8%, P Haslam, 40 from 218, 18.3%; M Fetherston-Godley, 3 from 18, 16.7%, Miss L Siddall 6 from 39, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: A Bond, 5 winners from 18 rides, 27.8%; C Nutter, 4 from 21, 19.0%, M Rimmer, 6 from 45, 13.3%, P McCabe, 9 from 80, 11.3%; T Sprake, 18 from 159, 11.3%; S Whitworth, 21 from 204, 10.3%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Royal Ascot

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

2.30 (1m) 1, INTIKHAB (L Dettori, 9-4 fav); 2, Among Men (M J Kinane, 9-1), 3, Poteen (W R Swinburn, 3-1) ALSO RAN: 6 Great Dane, 8 Almushtarak (4th), 11 Centre Stalls (6th), 12 Cape Cross (5th), 33 Muchea, 40 Reunion. 9 ran. 8l, 1½l, sh hd, 1¼l, 2½l. S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.40, £1.30. DF: £12.30. Trio £11.30. CSF £20.66.

3.05 (1m 2f) 1, FAITHFUL SON (J Reid, 11-2); 2, Chester House (K Fallon, 20-1), 3, Daylami (L Dettori, 2-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav Insatiable, 7 Taipan (6th), 16 Quws (5th), 20 Royal Amaretto, 25 Poler Prince (4th). 8 ran. Nk, nk, 3½l, 1½l, 2½l. S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £7.40; £1.80, £2.60, £1.40. DF: £50.30. CSF: £94.35. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.45 (1m) 1, DR FONG (K Fallon, 4-1); 2, Desert Prince (O Peslier, 4-1), 3, Duck Row (S Sanders, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Victory Note (4th), 11-2 Fa-Eq (5th), 12 Almandab, 20 Greenlander, 25 Speedfit Too (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 3½l, 2½l, 1l, nk. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9.80. CSF: £18.20.

4.20 (6f) 1, RED SEA (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Be The Chief (Pat Eddery, 7-1), 3, Access All Areas (M Kinane, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Emily's Luck Charm (6th), 6 Bertolini (5th), 10 Mutaahab (4th), Thunder Dragon, 12 Queensland Star, 14 Champagne Rider, 20 Red Prairie, 25 Red Delirium, 33 Caballero, Chomper, Jaguar, Tony Tie, 50 Sergeant York, 66 Assured Movements. 17 ran. NR: African Summer, Jade Tiger, Marwell's Kris. 1¼l, ¾l, nk, ½l, hd. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £7.00; £3.00, £2.50, £3.30. DF: £25.30. Trio: £152.60. CSF: £40.72.

4.55 (1m) 1, PLAN-B (L Dettori, 8-1), 2, Pantar (K Darley, 20-1); 3, Lucayan Indian (O Peslier, 4-1 fav); 4, Caribbean Monarch (W R Swinburn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Asset Manager, Lear Spear, 16 El Florazi, The Editor (5th), 20 Brave Reward, Cyber World, Misbah, 25 Distinctive Dance, Exit To Somewhere, Gurkha, Khalas, Polska Modelle, Premium Rate, Raffaello, Splendid Isolation, Timekeeper, Tom Dougal, 33 Astrologer (6th), Cloak Of Darkness, King Slayer, Night Flyer, 40 Adjutant, Jacmar, Tankersley, 50 Quaisne, Overture. 31 ran. NR: Desert Fox. ¾l, ½l, nk, ½l, hd. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £1.30, £7.60, £2.10, £2.50. DF: £160.20. Trio: £147.70. CSF: £149.10. Tricast: £710.74.

5.30 (2m 4f) 1, SAN SEBASTIAN (E Ahern, 16-1); 2, Rainbow Frontier (K Fallon, 6-1 jt-fav); 3, Sea Freedom (S Drowne, 14-1); 4, Galapino (R Mullen, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 jt-fav Generosa, 8 Turnpole, 12 Ivor's Flutter, 14 Cynan, 16 Dovedon Star, Fabillion (6th), Torch Vert, 20 Jawah, Kinnescash, Leviticus, Name of Our Father, 25 Cloud Inspector, Fletcher, Jazz Track, Little Acorn, Slipstream, The Butterwick Kid, Unchanged, Witney-De-Bergerac (5th), 33 Jamaican Flight, Sea Plane, State Fair, 40 Invest Wisely, Shadirwan, 50 Salaman. 29 ran. 4l, nk, ¾l, 2½l, nk. M Grassick in Ireland. Tote: £14.60; £3.00, £1.90, £3.40, £12.10. DF: £73.30. Trio: £198.30. CSF: £90.39. Tricast: £1,342.85.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £53,314.32 carried forward to Royal Ascot today).

Placepot: £103.20. Quadpot: £41.60.

Thirsk

Going: soft

2.15 (7f) 1, Thank Heavens (R Perham, 4-1); 2, Jaquenetta (8-1), 3, The Haulier (9-4 fav). 15 ran. 5l, 1½l. M Channon. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £3.00, £1.60. DF £16.30. Trio £17.30. CSF: £31.91.

2.50 (7f) 1, Mubrik (J Carroll, 2-9 fav); 2, Wigging (6-1), 3, Moet (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Captain Logan. 1¾l, 8l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.20, £3.50. DF £2.00. Trio £6.90. CSF £1.51.

3.25 (6f) 1, Dispol Sala (J Carroll, 4-6 fav); 2, Belle Of Hearts (20-1), 3, Claranna (7-2). 12 ran. 1l, 2½l. P Calver. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £5.40, £1.60. DF £18.30. Trio £42.10. CSF £22.69. No bid.

4.00 (6f) 1, Ray Of Sunshine (Miss E Ramsden, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Henry The Proud (16-1), 3, Ready Fontaine (7-1), 4, Tancred Times (33-1). Heavenly Abstone 6-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. ½l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote £6.20; £1.70, £3.10, £2.20, £4.00. DF £34.50. Trio: £50.60. CSF: £94.50. Tricast: £647.23.

4.35 (1m 4f) 1, Bend Wavy (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Polar Champ (9-2), 3, Sandbagged-again (6-1). Desert Fighter 7-2 fav. 7 ran. 2l, 2l. T Caldwell. Tote: £8.60; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £24.90. CSF: £29.71.

5.10 (7f) 1, Ochos Rios (W Supple, 8-1); 2, Oriole (16-1), 3, Mybotye (7-1); 4, Bollin Ethos (17-2). 16 ran. 1l, sh hd. B Rothwell. Tote: £7.30; £2.30, £2.50, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £133.50. Trio £146.50. CSF £110.77. Tricast £905.67.

5.40 (1m) 1, Scene (S D Williams, 10-1); 2, Mane Loup (9-2); 3, Girl Of My Dreams (25-1). Al Reel 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Holy Smoke. 1½l, 1½l. J Glover. Tote: £15.50; £2.90, £1.50, £5.40. DF £19.80. CSF £49.39. Tricast £1,035.27. Trio £224.50 (part won. Pool of £221.35 carried forward to Royal Ascot 4.20 today).

Placepot: £44.90. Quadpot: £64.00.

Monday's late details

Windsor

Going: soft

6.30 (5f 10yd) 1, Polly Mills (D Sweeney, 13-2), 2, Lady Carbron (5-1), 3, Dream On Me (11-4 fav). 13 ran. 1l, 1l. P Evans. Tote: £10.10; £2.60, £2.40, £1.60. DF £11.70. Trio £78.40. CSF: £41.93.

7.00 (1m 67yd) 1, Admirals Flame (J Reid, 11-2), 2, Vanborough Lad (9-1), 3, Recall (40-1); 4, Dancing Lawyer (10-1). Swinging The Blues 7-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Last Chance. 2½l, ¾l. C Wall. Tote: £6.30; £1.60, £2.10, £10.80, £1.80. DF: £26.30. Trio: £538.90. CSF: £51.18. Tricast £1,720.42.

7.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, My Pledge (D Holland, 16-1); 2, Speaker's Chair (7-1); 3, Acebo Lyons (10-1). Ribblesdale 7-4 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, nk. C Horgan. Tote: £24.90; £5.10, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £42.50. Trio: £296.80. CSF: £110.60. Tricast. £1,077.72.

8.00 (6f) 1, Double March (N Pollard, 9-1), 2, Sally Behaviour (9-1), 3, Tinker Osmaston (7-2 fav). 14 ran. ½l, 1½l. K Ivory. Tote: £13.00; £3.10, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £56.60. Trio £104.20. CSF: £85.44. Tricast: £326.55.

8.30 (5f 10yd) 1, Kastaway (P Bradley, 13-8 fav); 2, Devon Court (10-1); 3, Paula's Joy (4-1). 8 ran. ½l, 2½l. J Barry. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £18.20. CSF: £18.60.

9.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Coulthard (R Perham, 20-1), 2, Reliably Won (25-1), 3, Corelli (2-1 fav). 21 ran. NR: Miss Gilly. 3½l, 1¼l. Mrs P Sly. Tote: £26.60; £5.50, £7.00, £1.80. DF £626.40. Trio £215.50. CSF £427.68.

Placepot: £328.10. Quadpot: £54.00.

Pontefract

Going: soft (heavy in places)

6.45 (6f) 1, Susan's Dowry (L Charnock, 5-1); 2, Saffron (7-2 fav), 3, Codicil (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Fanetta. 5l, 2½l. T Easterby. Tote: £6.30; £1.60, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £7.20. Trio: £30.60. CSF: £23.11.

7.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Margaret's Dancer (R Lappin, 11-2); 2, Ellenber (11-1), 3, Hey Up Mate (12-1). Sky Mountain (4th) 5-2 fav. 14 ran. Hd, 3½l. J Eyre. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £2.80, £5.20. DF: £27.00. Trio: £203.60. CSF: £60.16.

7.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Chilo-Jo (G Bardwell, 11-4); 2, Torso (9-4 fav), 3, Priolette (7-1). 6 ran. NR: Cromer Pier, U K Magic. ½l, 8l. M Britain. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.50. DF £3.80. CSF: £8.37. Tricast £32.07. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

8.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, Ansaig (J Carroll, 14-1); 2, Highfield Fizz (10-1); 3, Black Ice Boy (6-1). Spa Lane (4th) 5-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Mr Moriarty. Hd, nk. P Calver. Tote: £12.90; £2.90, £3.90, £2.00. DF £122.10. Trio: £141.40. CSF: £141.37. Tricast: £860.68.

8.45 (6f) 1, Bowlers Boy (A Culhane, 100-30); 2, Jeffrey Anotherred (3-1 fav); 3, Hanby (16-1). 12 ran. 1l, 2½l. J Quinn. Tote: £5.00; £2.10, £1.30, £3.50. DF: £8.60. Trio. £53.90. CSF: £13.01. Tricast: £132.82.

9.15 (5f) 1, Goretski (D Harrison, 7-4 fav). 2, Jackann (10-1); 3, Distant King (66-1). 6 ran. NR: Barranak. 4l, ¾l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £4.10. DF: £10.60. CSF: £17.81.

Placepot: £260.80. Quadpot: £45.10.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
6.40 Lucy Tufty. 7.10 Saffron Rose. 7.40 Luanshya. 8.10 Society Snoop. 8.40 Acquittal. 9.10 Clouds Of Glory.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 GOTHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,595: 1m 6f 15yd) (13 runners) SKY

1 020- SALSKA 223 (CD,F,G) A Streeter 7-9-10 N Callan (5) 9
2 2513 LANCER 16 (V,BF,F,G) J Pearce 6-9-9 G Faulkner 8
3 01-0 CLIBURNEL NEWS 9 (C,F,G,S) D Shaw 8-9-6 D Denby (3) 12
4 1523 FLYING FLIP 16 (C,S) B Morgan 4-9-6 S Copp 2
5 4-03 DANKA 60 (V) K Comerford 4-9-1 R Smith (5) 6
6 1333 OPERATIC 6 (V,F) P Evans 3-8-12 C Cogan (5) 1
7 0004 CLASSIC DAME 25 Miss A Stokell 5-8-8 C Carver (3) 3
8 0-32 SIBERIAN MYSTIC 11 (BF,F) P Murphy 5-8-7 P Doe 10
9 0-50 PARDAN 39J B Palling 4-8-6 Jessica Roberts (7) 4
10 60/0 THE LAD 23 (F) Mrs L Stubbs 9-8-4 Aimee Cook 7
11 -160 LUCY TUFTY 18 (S) J Pearce 7-7-13 P Bradley (5) 5
12 0F65 MAY KING MAYHEM 11 (B,G) Mrs A King 5-7-11 P Fitzsimons (5) 13
13 056- LAKE DOMINION 254 K Comerford 9-7-10 B Callaghan (7) 11

5-1 Siberian Mystic, 6-1 Flying Flip, Operatic, 7-1 Lancer, Classic Dame, 9-1 Salska, Cliburnel News, Danka, 10-1 others.

7.10 KPMG PASAS HANDICAP SKY
(£3,652: 1m 54yd) (18)

1 3452 SAFFRON ROSE 7 (CD,G,S) M Blanshard 4-10-0 J Quinn 11
2 /23- MAROZIA 223 (BF) J Gosden 4-10-0 A McGlone 5
3 0044 BAND ON THE RUN 11 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 11-9-8 L Newton 17
4 -056 NIGHT CHORUS 26 (CD,S) B Rothwell 4-9-7 M Fenton 8
5 4-13 KWEILO 14 (F) J W Payne 4-9-4 G Carter 18
6 0423 KAILEY GODDESS 12 R Armstrong 5-9-4 R Price 3
7 4-03 AGENT MULDER 4 (D,G) P Cundell 4-9-3 G Faulkner (5) 14
8 1000 SHADES OF LOVE 11 V Soane 4-9-1 D Biggs 2
9 00-3 RARE TALENT 16 (F) S Gollings 4-9-0 Dean McKeown 16
10 20-2 SMARTER CHARTER 20 (D,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 5-9-0 T Sprake 7
11 5002 UP IN FLAMES 14 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 7-8-9 C Teague (3) 10
12 000- HIGHSPEED 298 (D,F,S) P Felgate 6-8-5 D Sweeney 13
13 3201 DANZINO 11 (V,D) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-5 P McCabe (3) 15
14 -500 MR CUBE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-8-2 M Henry 9
15 0-0F MAY QUEEN MEGAN 26 (F) Mrs A King 5-7-10 A McCarthy (3) 4
16 '065 IRIE MON 7 Mrs S Lamyman 6-7-10 N Kennedy 12
17 300/ CEDAR GIRL 680 (F) R Hodges 6-7-10 Amanda Sanders 1
18 1105 GROVEFAIR LAD 30 S Bowring 4-7-10 N Carlisle 6

6-1 Band On The Run, 7-1 Smarter Charter, 8-1 Saffron Rose, Kailey Goddess, Up In Flames, 10-1 Rare Talent, 12-1 Kweilo, Agent Mulder, 14-1 others.

7.40 PERTEMPS STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,054: 5f 13yd) (9)

1 65 ACE OF TRUMPS 5 W Haggas 8-6 D Biggs 4
2 00 LEGAL VENTURE 58 B Meehan 8-6 M Tebbutt 2
3 MOOCHA CHA MAN B McMahon 8-6 L Newton 7
4 00 NATHAN'S HERO 26 R Hollinshead 8-6 A McCarthy (3) 5
5 4 NERO TIROL 11 A Kelleway 8-6 N Pollard (7) 1
6 0 CYRO 41 M Jarvis 8-3 P Robinson 8
7 3 LUANSHYA 11 R Whitaker 8-3 Dean McKeown 6
8 50 TRYARDIA-ON-AGAIN 12 P Evans 8-1 G Carter 9
9 PRESELI MAGIC D Haydn Jones 7-12 N Kennedy 3

2-1 Luanshya, 3-1 Nero Tirol 11-2 Tryardia-On-Again 10-1 Ace Of Trumps, Cyro, 12-1 Legal Venture, Moocha Cha Man, Preseli Magic, 16-1 Nathan's Hero.

8.10 EBF NOVICE STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O. £3,720: 6f 15yd) (5)

1 1 SOCIETY SNOOP 7 (D,S) M Johnston 9-4 D Holland 2
2 0 APRIL ACE 7 M Quinn 8-12 F Norton 4
3 6 ASLEY 25 (B) M Tregoning 8-12 T Sprake 3
4 42 HEATHYARDS JAKE 22 R Hollinshead 8-12 A McCarthy (3) 5
5 3 RAISE A GRAND 13 J W Payne 8-12 G Carter 1

5-4 Raise A Grand, 6-4 Society Snoop, 7-1 Asley, Heathyards Jake, 25-1 April Ace.

8.40 BURTON JOYCE SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,408: 1m 1f 213yd) (18)

1 4165 HAROLDON 20 (BF,CD,F,G) B Palling 9-9-10 T Sprake 2
2 /0/3 COUNT OF FLANDERS 19J (D,F) K Morgan 8-9-4 N Pollard (7) 12
3 0020 ACTION JACKSON 23 (CD,F,G) B McMath 6-9-2 G Carter 1
4 5323 RON'S ROUND 13 C Dwyer 4-9-2 D Holland 16
5 000 WELSH WARRIOR 25 J Bradley 5-8-13 M Henry 13
6 0-56 PEACEFUL SARAH 14 B Hanbury 3-8-13 A McGlone 14
7 0-00 TOP SHELF 26 (B) P Bevan 4-8-13 J Lowe 3
8 02-0 ROCK THE BARNEY 8 (B,D,F,G) P Burgoyne 9-8-11 J Tate 11
9 0616 RIVAL BID 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 10-8-9 P McCabe (3) 17
10 6000 ONE SHOT 13 W Muir 5-8-8 M Mathers (7) 5
11 000- GORE HILL 358 M R Bosley 4-8-6 D Sweeney 18
12 -350 CHIKAL 48 B Palling 3-8-5 M Fenton 4
13 0600 FOOLISH FLUTTER 9 (G) R Bastiman 4-8-5 Dean McKeown 10
14 5-03 DIAMOND CROWN 23 (CD,F,G) M Wane 7-8-4 F Norton 9
15 -500 GYMCRAK GORJOS 23 (B) G Holmes 4-8-4 R Winston (5) 6
16 4460 CAPERCAILLIE 16 D Morris 3-8-4 S Drowne 8
17 00-6 ACQUITTAL 23 (V,F) A Streeter 6-8-2 A Daly (3) 15
18 0-06 RUDE SHOCK 11 M Tompkins 3-8-1 D Biggs 7

5-1 Rival Bid, 6-1 Count Of Flanders, Diamond Crown, 7-1 Action Jackson, Ron's Round, Rock The Barney, 8-1 Haroldon, 16-1 others.

9.10 OLD LENTON FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,626: 1m 54yd) (16)

1 050- MAGIC SPRING 222 K McAuliffe 9-7 M Fenton 15
2 060- BALLET RAMBERT 238 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 9-6 S Drowne 6
3 -004 CLOUDS OF GLORY 19 R Charlton 9-6 T Sprake 2
4 03-0 JACOBINA 69 B Rothwell 9-5 R Winston (5) 7
5 1423 ELBA MAGIC 6 C Dwyer 9-2 P McCabe (3) 10
6 1111 LADY ROCKSTAR 6 (D,F,G,S) M Ryan 9-2 (6ex) G Faulkner (5) 14
7 5-00 JUS'CHILLIN' 19 C Dwyer 9-1 J Lowe 9
8 -000 MIDSUMMER ROMANCE 16 B Meehan 9-0 M Tebbutt 16
9 50-4 GEM 21 P Makin 8-10 S Sanders 11
10 3000 FARNDON PRINCESS 14 R Hollinshead 8-9 D Holland 12
11 00-0 SCOLDING 21 G Woodward 8-7 G Carter 5
12 -002 MRS MIDDLE 22 (S) N Callaghan 8-6 G Bardwell 3
13 0000 SUPACALIFRAGILISTIK 37 J Balding 8-5 J Edmunds 8
14 000- SPORTY SPICE 296 Mrs J Ramsden 7-13 F Norton 1
15 3252 MISS ALL ALONE 12 J Glover 7-12 A McCarthy (3) 13
16 4535 RIVER FRONTIER 11 M Usher 7-10 J Marshall 4

11-4 Lady Rockstar, 5-1 Elba Magic, 6-1 Farndon Princess, 7-1 Miss All Alone, 8-1 Clouds Of Glory, 10-1 Gem, Mrs Middle, Sporty Spice, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 5 winners from 24 runners, 20.8%; R Charlton, 6 from 34, 17.6%, M Jarvis, 6 from 34, 17.6%, R Armstrong 4 from 24, 16.7%, J Gosden, 7 from 42, 16.7%, P Makin, 7 from 45, 15.6%, Mrs J Ramsden, 13 from 89, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 8 winners from 61 rides, 13.1%, W J O'Connor, 4 from 31, 12.9%, T Sprake, 19 from 150, 12.7%, M Fenton, 12 from 106, 11.3%, A McGlone, 7 from 64, 10.9%, P Robinson, 9 from 83, 10.8%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
6.50 King Curan. 7.20 Sahhar. 7.50 Gower-Slave. 8.20 Verity Valentine. 8.50 Volunteer. 9.20 Chief Mouse.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.50 ST MARTINS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,996: 2m) (26 runners)

1 0P4- SYLVAN SABRE 5F (D,F,G) D Shaw 9-12-0 R Hobson (7)
2 003- PAIR OF JACKS 19 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-11 M A Fitzgerald
3 P4P- TENNESSEE KING 84 (D,S) P Shakespeare 8-11-10 J R Kavanagh
4 50R- COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 8F (CD,F) P Hayward 9-11-9 B Powell
5 3U-U DOCKLANDS COURIER 11 R Phillips 6-11-8 C Llewellyn
6 000- SPRINTFAYRE 44 (D,F,G,S) J Long 10-11-7 D Gallagher
7 200- FABULON 18 (BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-5 J Hunt (7)
8 500- EDWARD SEYMOUR 84 (D,F,S) W Jenks 11-11-4 Gary Lyons
9 622/ CLOWATER LADY 918 (D,F) T D McCarthy 9-11-0 O Burrows (5)
10 440- TOULSTON LADY 11F (B,D,F) J Wharton 6-10-12 K Johnson
11 451- MUTAWALI 19 (D,F,G) R Ford 8-10-12 V Slattery
12 16-3 COLWAY PRINCE 11 (CD,F,G,S) A P Jones 10-10-11 S Curran
13 0P-0 LE GRAND GOUSIER 11 (B,D,F) R J Price 4-10-10 J Tizzard (3)
14 002/ NORD LYS 452 (F) B Llewellyn 7-10-9 Mr J L Llewellyn
15 50-4 HAYDOWN 11 C Egerton 6-10-8 Mr P Phillips (7)
16 P6-0 SIR PAGEANT 4 (C,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-10-7 R Massey (3)
17 5P-P KING CURAN 16 (B,G) P Bowen 7-10-5 R Johnson
18 043- THE SECRET SEVEN 18 J K Cresswell 8-10-5 L Aspell (3)
19 530- EXCLUSION 23 (D,F) J Hetherton 9-10-4 C Maude
20 045- DON'T WORRY MIKE 19 J Spearing 4-10-3 E Husband (3)
21 006- LITTLE JOE 84 J Smith 9-10-2 J Culloty
22 F00- DANTES AMOUR 21 B Ellison 7-10-1 B Harding
23 602- SUN FAIRY 21 D Burchell 4-10-0 D J Burchell
24 340- BEAUFAN 23 (BF,CD,F,G) P Bowen 11-10-0 W Marston
25 P40- LOVELARK 46 (S) R Brotherton 9-10-0 N Williamson
26 080- NORTHERN NATION 19 (D,G) W Clay 10-10-0 A S Smith

6-1 Fabulon, 7-1 Pair Of Jacks, 8-1 Mutawali, Edward Seymour, 10-1 Haydown, 12-1 Colway Prince, Toulston Lady, 14-1 King Curan, 16-1 others.

7.20 WHITBOURNE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,136: 2m) (17)

1 P46- MASTER MILLFIELD 18 R Hodges 6-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
2 /6F- SAHHAR 9F (BF) P Bevan 5-11-2 W Worthington
3 00/P BON LUCK 11 R Stronge 6-11-0 Mr S Stronge (7)
4 P/P5 MANULIFE 7 M Sheppard 9-11-0 Mr G Barfoot-Saunt
5 P22- RIDING CROP 44 (BF) A Carroll 6-11-0 B Powell
6 PFP- GEORGIE PORGIE 28 R Buckler 6-10-10 G Upton
7 00- GINGER METAL 28 W Clay 5-10-10 Gary Lyons
8 50P- IRISH SEA 169 B Llewellyn 5-10-10 Mr J L Llewellyn
9 500- ORCHARD KING 35 J Wharton 6-10-10 K Johnson
10 500- CINNAMON CLUB 18 N Gaselee 6-10-9 Miss V Roberts (7)
11 002- FLAHIVE'S FIRST 19 R J Price 4-10-9 N Williamson
12 801- LASER LIGHT LADY 21 (F) M Waring 6-10-9 W Marston
13 STRENGTH OF VISION 26F C Egerton 4-10-9 J A McCarthy
14 FAIR FINNISH 118F W Clay 4-10-7 A S Smith
15 P0-0 NATIVE TANGO 11 N Mitchell 6-10-7 S Kelly (5)
16 50-P PARTY BEDLAM 11 (B) E L James 9-10-5 J R Kavanagh
17 26-2 SOVEREIGN 11 M Muggeridge 4-10-4 S Curran

3-1 Riding Crop, 9-2 Sahhar, 11-2 Sovereign, 8-1 Master Millfield, Laser Light Lady, 10-1 Cinnamon Club, 12-1 Flahive's First, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 29 winners from 85 runners, 34.1%, M Pipe, 45 from 139, 32.4%, I Williams, 4 from 13, 30.8%, C Egerton, 3 from 10, 30.0%; C Mann, 8 from 36, 22.2%, P Hobbs, 19 from 113, 16.8%, P Bowen, 11 from 69, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: L Aspell, 4 winners from 20 rides, 20.0%, C Llewellyn, 24 from 134, 17.9%, N Williamson, 30 from 116, 17.2%, T J Murphy, 8 from 49, 16.3%, R Johnson, 16 from 102, 15.7%, R Massey, 6 from 43, 14.0%, E Husband, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

7.50 KALL KWIK HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,927: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 443- COOLREE 27 (D,F,G,S) J King 10-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 21-1 GOWER-SLAVE 11 (C,F,G) P Bowen 6-11-4 W Marston
3 6/3- ARMALA 26 (D,F,S) Mrs I McKie 13-11-1 L Aspell (3)
4 22-1 SHIMBA HILLS 16 (G,S) G McCourt 10-10-10 E Husband (3)
5 030- SILVER STANDARD 39 (B,D,F,G,S) H D Daly 8-10-8 S Wynne
6 /60- BUYERS DREAM 23 (V,D,F,G) B Ellison 8-10-7 B Harding
7 /05- BALLY PARSON 18 (D,F,G) R Dickin 12-10-7 N Williamson
8 056- EXALTED 11F (F) W Jenks 5-10-6 Gary Lyons
9 P03- WEEHEBY 23 (G) I Williams 9-10-5 R Johnson
10 P4-0 ALPINE MIST 16 (F,G) J O'Shea 8-10-0 V Slattery
11 1S1- WILLCHRIS 18P (D,F,G,S) D Burchell 11-10-0 D J Burchell
12 FP-2 ANOTHER COURSE 18 (D,G) C Mann 10-10-0 Miss S Barraclough

5-2 Gower-Slave, 3-1 Shimba Hills, 8-1 Coolree, Weeheby, Another Course, 10-1 Armala, 12-1 Buyers Dream, 16-1 others.

8.20 MOSELEY HURDLE (£2,513: 2m 4f) (13)

1 04P/ FROME LAD 513 W G M Turner 6-11-5 J Power (7)
2 /P0- GODOR SPIRIT 44 W Brisbourne 8-11-5 G Supple (5)
3 /40- HOLLOA AWAY 162 (S) H D Daly 6-11-5 R Johnson
4 00- KENILWORTH DANCER 44 (B) J Spearing 5-11-5 E Husband (3)
5 /4-2 PATS CROSS 11 (F,S) J Hetherton 9-11-5 R Garritty
6 56-2 SOUTHERNDOWN 16 T Wall 5-11-5 B Powell
7 424- URGENT SWIFT 9F (BF) M Pitman 5-11-5 C Llewellyn
8 100- ALONE TABANKULU 18 (F) R Dickin 6-11-0 N Williamson
9 P5-P BONNY BARDSY 11 Mrs A Howard-Chappell 7-11-0 R Greene
10 P- CINDERS DAY 31P T Caldwell 7-11-0 Mr D Sherlock
11 00-3 DAUGHTER IN LAW 16 Miss C Caroe 5-11-0 C Webb
12 043- VERITY VALENTINE 26 A Turnell 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
13 SHIRTY 33F T Hill 4-10-13 T J Murphy

6-4 Urgent Swift, 6-1 Holloa Away, Southerndown, Verity Valentine, 7-1 Pats Cross, 8-1 Daughter In Law, 16-1 Shirty, 20-1 others.

8.50 GREEN STREET NOVICES CHASE
(£3,595: 2m 7f 110yd) (18)

1 FF-P CONNEL'S CROFT 11 T Keddy 6-11-2 J Goldstein (5)
2 P52- DROMIN CHAT 23P R Frost 10-11-2 J Frost
3 F/F- GALES OF LAUGHTER 179 H D Daly 9-11-2 N Williamson
4 313- GOOD LOOKING GUY 19 (F) Mrs J Young 9-11-2 Mr S Stronge (7)
5 PPP- LIGHTOAK LAD 28 A Carroll 7-11-2 B Powell
6 506- MILESTONE 27 N Ayliffe 6-11-2 Guy Lewis (3)
7 122- OZZIE JONES 18 (F,G,S) R Pearce 7-11-2 Mr D S Jones
8 1/U- ROCK ON HONEY 28 (F) F Jordan 6-11-2 T J Murphy
9 24-4 THE CAMPDONIAN 11 D O'Neill 7-11-2 V Slattery
10 /F3- THREE POTATO FOUR 25 (F,S) Sir J Barlow Bt 11-11-2 C Maude
11 0F6- VOLUNTEER 49 (F,S) R O'Sullivan 6-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
12 442- ZAITOON 28 (F,G) D Nicholson 7-11-2 R Johnson
13 PF5- CELTIC DAUGHTER 42 (F,G,S) H Laws 9-10-11 Miss E J Jones
14 05/P FARLEYER ROSE 11 T George 9-10-11 S Wynne
15 P42- HOLLOW SOUND 31P (F,G) H Laws 9-10-11 —
16 0P5- INNER SNU 27 (F) N Mitchell 9-10-11 G Upton
17 332/ MURBERRY 686 (F,G) Mrs I McKie 8-10-11 S Curran
18 842- VIA DEL QUATRO 23 (G) J Mullins 6-10-11 David Turner (7)

3-1 Ozzie Jones, 9-2 Zaitoon, 6-1 Via Del Quatro, 7-1 Good Looking Guy, 8-1 Gales Of Laughter, 10-1 The Campdonian, 12-1 Volunteer, 14-1 others.

9.20 HIGH GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,980: 2m 4f) (17)

1 510/ IOKIO 453 (F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-12-0 N Williamson
2 122- RIVER WYE 18 (G) G Yardley 6-11-12 V Slattery
3 245- WORLD EXPRESS 19F (F,S) B Millman 8-11-10 D Salter (3)
4 215- WINSFORD HILL 33 (CD,F) I Williams 7-11-9 R Johnson
5 3U4- CALL MY GUEST 23 (D,G,S) R Peacock 8-11-8 M A Fitzgerald
6 12-1 MYSTIC HILL 11 (F,S) R Frost 7-11-3 J Frost
7 30P- CHIEF MOUSE 32 (D,F,G) F Jordan 5-11-2 T J Murphy
8 04F/ ZINE LANE 410 (F,G) J O'Shea 6-10-8 B Harding
9 623- HAWTHORNE GLEN 49 (F,G,S) J Long 11-10-7 D Gallagher
10 PP5- KEEP ME IN MIND 18 (D,F,G,S) N Mitchell 9-10-5 Sophie Mitchell
11 11-2 WOODSTOCK WANDERER 11 (BF,D,F,G,S) P Bowen 6-10-5 W Marston
12 32-2 GAME DILEMMA 11 (F,G) J Mullins 7-10-2 A Bates (3)
13 14-0 BACKVIEW 16 (S) B Llewellyn 6-10-2 B Powell
14 P2-0 HIGH LOW 11 (C,F,S) I Jones 10-10-1 Miss E J Jones
15 52-1 FOLEYS QUEST 11 (F) J S Moore 4-10-0 J Magee (3)
16 /00- STRONG RAIDER 223 B Smart 8-10-0 C Llewellyn
17 14P- POSITIVO 31 (S) Miss C Caroe 7-10-0 C Webb

7-2 Mystic Hill, 9-2 Woodstock Wanderer, 6-1 Call My Guest, 7-1 River Wye, 8-1 Winsford Hill, 10-1 World Express, 12-1 Game Dilemma, 14-1 others.

RIPON

THUNDERER
7.00 Holloway Melody. 7.30 Pistachio. 8.00 Flow By. *8.30 Beware. 9.00 Mawsoof. 9.30 High Noon.*

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

7.00 NORTHALLERTON APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,558: 1m) (20 runners) SKY

1 0013 FANCY A FORTUNE 21 (BF,G) D Nicholls 4-10-0 A Eddery 7
2 00-0 MYSTIQUE AIR 61 (B,G) E Weymes 4-9-11 K Sked 15
3 0300 SPECIAL-K 6 (CD,F,G,S) J Turner 6-9-8 S Finnamore (5) 11
4 0-44 QUEEN OF SHANNON 18 (D,F,S) A Carroll 10-9-8 R Studholme 10
5 8-60 ROCK SCENE 31 A Streeter 6-9-4 P Dobbs 5
6 0000 ASHGORE 5 (F,G) T Caldwell 8-9-2 J Bosley (5) 16
7 50-0 SUMMERS GLORY 160 Mrs Stubbs 4-9-0 Kristin Stubbs (7) 12
8 -040 BEAU CYRANO 11 (D,G,S) D Cantillon 6-8-13 J Wilkinson 4
9 -003 DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 7 (V,D) B Ellison 5-8-11 S Buckley (3) 13
10 6303 HOLLOWAY MELODY 5 (D,G) B McMahon 5-8-11 S Righton (3) 6
11 4502 ELLENBER 2 W McKeown 3-8-10 Jo Hunnam 19
12 0-06 SAMSPET 9 R Fahey 4-8-7 D Egan (7) 8
13 6500 GIVE AN INCH 12 W Storey 3-8-6 I Grantham (5) 2
14 0-02 GREY PROSPECT 9 M Britain 4-8-4 D Mernagh 9
15 0000 JOCKWEILER 22 D Chapman 3-8-1 M Semple (5) 17
16 -600 INTUITIVE 20 J Eyre 3-8-1 Joanna Davies (7) 20
17 -006 SPECULATIVE 12 (B) W Storey 4-8-1 R Farmer (5) 14
18 -60E SUPER PARK 21 (S) J Pearce 6-8-0 D Williams (3) 18
19 -005 NUKUD 12 (V) G Oldroyd 6-7-12 R Cody-Boutcher (5) 3
20 0004 COMIC HILL 13 (D,F) J Pearce 7-7-11 R Brisland (5) 1

6-1 Doctor Bravious, 7-1 Fancy A Fortune, 8-1 Queen Of Shannon, Holloway Melody, 10-1 Beau Cyrano, Ellenber, 12-1 Ashgore, 14-1 others.

7.30 BORDER ASSET MANAGEMENT NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,759: 5f) (8) SKY

1 1 PISTACHIO 6 (F) J Fanshawe 9-4 J Carroll 8
2 60 CHOK-DI 37 Mrs M Reveley 8-12 A Culhane 3
3 40 DOUBLE TWO 14 T Easterby 8-12 G Parkin 5
4 53 GOWITHTHEFLOW 14 B Rothwell 8-12 W Supple 7
5 02 NORTHERN SVENGALI 47 T Barron 8-12 O Pears 6
6 SWISS TONI D Nicholls 8-12 Alex Greaves 4
7 10 LADYCAKE 36 (D,G) J Berry 8-11 C Lowther 2
8 600 TANCRED ARMS 22 D Barker 8-7 T Williams 1

2-1 Pistachio, 3-1 Ladycake, 4-1 Northern Svengali, 6-1 Gowiththeflow, 8-1 Double Two, 16-1 Swiss Toni, 20-1 Tancred Arms, 25-1 Chok-Di.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS. L Cumani, 10 winners from 39 runners, 25.6%. J Fanshawe, 4 from 16, 25.0%, M Stoute, 8 from 37, 21.6%; J Pearce, 5 from 24, 20.8%, J Dunlop, 8 from 39, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Ffrench, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; K Darley, 32 from 143, 22.4%, J Weaver, 24 from 108, 22.2%; D Harrison, 5 from 39, 12.8%; J Carroll, 16 from 147, 10.9%.

8.00 PRICE WATERHOUSE HANDICAP SKY
(£3,518: 1m 2f) (6)

1 03-0 MR BOMBASTIQUE 13 (F) Mrs J Brown 4-9-12 J Fortune 1
2 223- TEME VALLEY 268 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-11 G Parkin 5
3 2030 OVER TO YOU 19 (G) T Barron 4-9-9 J Carroll 3
4 3-61 FLOW BY 29 (D,F) J Dunlop 3-9-4 K Darley 4
5 -041 DARLING CLOVER 9 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 6-8-3 L Charnock 2
6 -600 TONNERRE 12 (D,S) B McMahon 6-8-0 J Bramhill 6

7-4 Flow By, 4-1 Darling Clover, 5-1 Mr Bombastique, Teme Valley, 6-1 Over To You, 10-1 Tonnerre.

8.30 NORMAN WELLS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £6,536: 6f) (10)

1 5252 MARTON MOSS 4 (CD,F,S) T Easterby 9-7 K Darley 8
2 010 POINT OF DISPUTE 16 (D,S) P Makin 9-6 D Griffiths (3) 7
3 1-00 BEWARE 39 (D,S) R Armstrong 9-3 J Weaver 1
4 -003 POSITIVE AIR 13 B McMahon 8-13 J Fortune 6
5 0441 ROYAL DREAM 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 8-10 (7ex) J Carroll 5
6 40-3 ANGEL HILL 32 (F) R Fahey 8-9 L Charnock 10
7 42-0 SURPRISED 62 Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 W Supple 3
8 0434 INCHALONG 11 (D,G) M Britain 8-6 D Mernagh (7) 2
9 0211 PIGEON 12 (D,F,S) D Barker 8-3 T Williams 4
10 0-20 WAIT'N'SEE 26 (BF,F) M W Easterby 8-1 Dale Gibson 9

3-1 Marton Moss, 4-1 Pigeon, 6-1 Positive Air, 7-1 Royal Dream, Surprised, 8-1 Inchalong, 10-1 Angel Hill, 12-1 others.

9.00 COVERDALE STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,599: 1m) (9)

1 5 ALCAZAR 33 J Dunlop 9-0 K Darley 6
2 0-4 ALMAZHAR 14 E Dunlop 9-0 J Fortune 1
3 23 FULL SPATE 18 (BF) R Charlton 9-0 D Harrison 2
4 22-2 MAWSOOF 21 M Stoute 9-0 F Lynch 8
5 MESHTY A Stewart 9-0 T G McLaughlin 4
6 TIMES O'WAR T Easterby 9-0 J Weaver 7
7 BOLSHOI STAR M Johnston 8-9 J Carroll 5
8 00 DOUBTFUL STEP 7 T Easterby 8-9 L Charnock 9
9 0 PRINCESS SCEPTRE 47 B Hills 8-9 J D Smith (3) 3

2-1 Mawsoof, 5-2 Alcazar, 7-2 Full Spate, 7-1 Almazhar, 8-1 Bolshoi Star 16-1 Meshty, 20-1 Princess Sceptre, 25-1 others.

9.30 LEYBURN STAKES (£3,518: 1m 4f) (10)

1 0-06 FRANKIE 4J (B) R Woodhouse 4-9-10 J Carroll 8
2 0 FURTHER RISK 39 Mrs H Walton 3-8-10 S D Williams 2
3 0-4 HIGH NOON 29 L Cumani 3-8-10 R Ffrench 7
4 6- KADIR 230 M Tregoning 3-8-10 D Harrison 6
5 66 MY CAREER 21 E Dunlop 3-8-10 J Fortune 9
6 444- RAINBOW HIGH 245 B Hills 3-8-10 J D Smith (3) 5
7 6 THE PRESIDENT 19 J Eyre 3-8-10 J Weaver 3
8 4 YES KEEMO SABEE 12 B McMahon 3-8-10 S Righton (7) 4
9 CHETAINT'S MOVE W Storey 3-8-5 J Fanning 1
10 6-5 WOSAITA 18 J Dunlop 3-8-5 K Darley 10

15-8 Wosaita, 9-4 High Noon, 9-2 Rainbow High, 12-1 My Career, 14-1 Kadir, Yes Keemo Sabee, 16-1 Frankie, 25-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hamilton Park: 2.10 Premium Quest, Temper Lad. 3.55 Turf Moor. Nottingham: 8.10 Asley. 8.40 Top Shelf. Ripon: 7.00 Mystique Air, Speculative. 9.30 Frankie. Royal Ascot: 2.30 Headhunter. Wolverhampton: 2.55 Mr Casaubon, Monaco Gold. 4.40 Magic Roundabout. 5.15 Tea Dancer. Worcester: 7.20 Party Bedlam.

O'Brien raid is grounded

AIDAN O'BRIEN was forced to withdraw his two intended runners at Royal Ascot yesterday. In a statement he said: "We regret that our horses, Desert Fox and African Skimmer, which were due to run in the Britannia Handicap and Coventry Stakes respectively at Royal Ascot, will be unable to run. They are unable to travel to England because of a technical fault with the aircraft that was to fly them from Ireland."

It is the second time this month O'Brien's horses have experienced difficulties in getting to England. His three Vodafone Derby runners, King Of Kings, Second Empire and Saratoga Springs, had to be diverted to Luton when their intended flight to Southampton was cancelled.

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CROW INTERNATIONAL LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at ONE GREAT CUMBERLAND PLACE, (2nd Floor), London W1H 8LE, on 25th June 1998 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
D J CURD - Director
DATED THIS 10th June 1998

INVESTTRUST LIMITED
PEARLSTAR LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Associates, situated at 1 Great Cumberland Place, (2nd Floor), London W1H 7LE, on 25th June 1998 at 3.00pm and 3.10pm respectively for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meetings concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meetings may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meetings. A list of the names and addresses of the above companies creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Associates, 1 Great Cumberland Place, (2nd Floor), London W1H 7LE between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors.
Dated this 11th June 1998
M Malsels, Director

KENNETH T OWEN & COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 21 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Michael William Young and Nigel John Hamilton-Smith both of Marlon Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD were appointed to act as Joint Administrators of Kenneth T Owen & Company Limited by an order of the Luton County Court dated 9 June 1998.
M W YOUNG AND N J HAMILTON-SMITH
JOINT ADMINISTRATORS

MCM LONDON LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on 18 June 1998 at 11.30am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of their debt to the offices of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF not later than 12 noon on 17 June 1998.

For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

Resolutions to be taken at the meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated, and the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
By Order of the Board
AXEL EISEN - Director

NOTICE UNDER ELECTRICITY ACT 1989: PROPOSED POWER PLANT DEVELOPMENT AT BRITANNIA ZINC LTD, AVONMOUTH

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro-Electric plc is applying to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for consent under s36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission to construct a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine power plant of about 100MWe to serve Britannia Zinc Ltd. There will also be an underground cable connecting the power plant to the Avonmouth electricity sub-station to allow export to the regional electricity distribution system. The power plant site is located at National Grid Reference ST527786; see Ordnance Survey Landranger Series Sheet 172.

This application is subject to the requirements of the Electricity and Pipeline Works (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1990 and is accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and the Environmental Statement at all reasonable hours at the offices of Bristol City Council, Planning, Transport and Development Services Directorate, Wing 1, Brunel House, St Georges Road, Bristol, BS1 5UY.

Copies may be purchased at a cost of £40 from: ERM, Eaton House, Wallbrook Court, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford, OX2 0QS. Those wishing to make objections to the application should write to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Electricity Directorate, 1.D.20, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET, stating the name of the proposed power plant and grounds for the objection not later than 27 July 1998.

The Insolvency Act 1986
OPTI INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Registered Number: 2659912. Nature of business: Wholesale of computer hardware. Administration order made: 8th June 1998. Joint Administrators: M P Riley and P S Dunn (Office Holder Nos: 5778 and 2368) of Horwath Clark Whitehill & Co, Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.
Dated 8th June 1998

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Textilion Limited

Registered Number: 02320230
Nature of business: Manufacturer of Knitted Fabrics
Manufacturer of Other Wearing Apparel
Trade classification: 1760/1824
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 31 May 1998
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc
Names, office holder numbers and addresses of administrative receivers:
Richard James Rees
4620
Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY
Ian Clifford Powell
7862
101 Barbirolli Square, Manchester M2 3PW
Steven Anthony Pearson
1261
101 Barbirolli Square, Manchester M2 3PW
Roger Marsh
5925
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
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THE WORLD CUP TODAY

GROUP B

ITALY v CAMEROON

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

CESARE MALDINI, the Italy coach, might say, with President Franklyn Roosevelt: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." In other words, he could cast his habitual caution to the winds and use three men up front in Montpellier, instead of two, flanking Christian Vieri, the big centre forward, with Roberto Baggio, who excelled against Chile, on his right, and Alessandro del Piero, who missed that game, on his left. Five goals were scored in one practice game against the reserve side, using this formation.

It seems unthinkable that Baggio should be excluded, after his feats against Chile, and Del Piero insists that the two can work happily together. "A three-man attack," Del Piero said, "would oblige us to be more adventurous, more aggressive, but the important thing is cohesion. In principle, the closer you play to goal, the more chance you have to score."

It looks as if Fabio Cannavaro will keep his place in defence, despite the way that Marcelo Salas leapt above him to head Chile's spectacular second goal in their drawn first game. Cannavaro has declared that he was blameless, that Salas craftily put an elbow across him, so that he could not jump.

Cameroon had much the better of their drawn game against the Austrians, who were lucky to equalise in the concluding seconds through a header by Toni Polster. With the exception of François Omam-Biyick, the veteran striker, a late and rather surprising choice for the squad, they are largely a young team, with a particularly lively midfield player in Joseph-Desire Ndo, 22, whose father is the country's leading comedian. Omam-Biyick believes that Cameroon are not quite capable of reaching the quarter-finals this time around, but should do well in the next World Cup.

ITALY (probable; 1-2-4-3): G Pagliuca — A Costacurta or G Bergomi, A Nesta — F Cannavaro, A di Livio or F Moriero, D Albertini, D Baggio or L di Biagio, P Maldini — R Baggio, C Vieri, A del Piero.
CAMEROON (probable; 3-5-2): J Songo'o — P Njanka, R Kalla Nkongo, R Song — J-C Ndo, P Mboma, A Simo, D Angoboud, P Wome Nlend — S Ipoua, F Omam-Biyick.
Referee: E Lennie (Austria).
COVERAGE: Television: ITV (from 7.50pm). Radio: Radio 5 Live (from 7.30pm). Kick-off: 8pm.

Sunday July 12	Final	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk	FINAL
Saturday July 11	Third-place play-off	8pm	Parc des Princes	tba, R5L/Talk	THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF
July 9 & 10	REST DAYS				
Wednesday July 8	Winner 9 v Winner 12	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk	SEMI-FINALS
Tuesday July 7	Winner 10 v Winner 11	8pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk	
July 5 & 6	REST DAYS				
Saturday July 4	11. Winner 6 v Winner 8	3.30pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk	QUARTER-FINALS
	12. Winner 5 v Winner 7	8pm	Lyons	tba, R5L/Talk	
Friday July 3	9. Winner 1 v Winner 3	3.30pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk	
	10. Winner 2 v Winner 4	8pm	Nantes	tba, R5L/Talk	
July 1 & 2	REST DAYS				
Tuesday June 30	7. Winner G v Runner-up H	3.30pm	Bordeaux	tba, R5L/Talk	SECOND ROUND (KNOCKOUT)
	8. Winner H v Runner-up G	8pm	St Etienne	tba, R5L/Talk	
Monday June 29	5. Winner F v Runner-up E	3.30pm	Montpellier	tba, R5L/Talk	
	6. Winner E v Runner-up F	8pm	Toulouse	tba, R5L/Talk	
Sunday June 28	3. Winner C v Runner-up D	3.30pm	Lens	tba, R5L/Talk	
	4. Winner D v Runner-up C	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk	
Saturday June 27	1. Winner B v Runner-up A	3.30pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk	
	2. Winner A v Runner-up B	8pm	Parc des Princes	tba, R5L/Talk	
Friday June 26	Group H Japan v Jamaica	3pm	Lyons	ITV	
	Group H Argentina v Croatia	3pm	Bordeaux	ITV, R5L/Talk	
	Group G Romania v Tunisia	8pm	Stade de France	BBC	
	Group G Colombia v England	8pm	Lens	BBC, R5L/Talk	
Thursday June 25	Group E Belgium v South Korea	3pm	Parc des Princes	BBC, R5L	
	Group E Holland v Mexico	3pm	St Etienne	BBC, R5L/Talk	
	Group F Germany v Iran	8pm	Montpellier	ITV, R5L	
	Group F United States v Yugoslavia	8pm	Nantes	ITV	
Wednesday June 24	Group C France v Denmark	3pm	Lyons	BBC, R5L/Talk	
	Group C South Africa v Saudi Arabia	3pm	Bordeaux	BBC, R5L	
	Group D Spain v Bulgaria	8pm	Lens	ITV, R5L	
	Group D Nigeria v Paraguay	8pm	Toulouse	ITV	
Tuesday June 23	Group B Italy v Austria	3pm	Stade de France	ITV, R5L/Talk	
	Group B Chile v Cameroon	3pm	Nantes	ITV, R5L	
	Group A Scotland v Morocco	8pm	St Etienne	BBC, R5L/Talk	
	Group A Brazil v Norway	8pm	Marseilles	BBC	
Monday June 22	Group G Colombia v Tunisia	4.30pm	Montpellier	BBC, R5L/Talk	
	Group G Romania v England	8pm	Toulouse	ITV, R5L/Talk	
Sunday June 21	Group F Germany v Yugoslavia	1.30pm	Lens	BBC, R5L	
	Group H Argentina v Jamaica	4.30pm	Parc des Princes	ITV, R5L/Talk	
	Group F United States v Iran	8pm	Lyons	BBC, R5L	
Saturday June 20	Group H Japan v Croatia	1.30pm	Nantes	ITV, R5L	
	Group E Belgium v Mexico	4.30pm	Bordeaux	BBC, R5L/Talk	
	Group E Holland v South Korea	8pm	Marseilles	ITV, R5L	
Friday June 19	Group D Nigeria v Bulgaria	4.30pm	Parc des Princes	ITV	
	Group D Spain v Paraguay	8pm	St Etienne	BBC, R5L/Talk	
Thursday June 18	Group C South Africa v Denmark	4.30pm	Toulouse	ITV, Talk	
	Group C France v Saudi Arabia	8pm	Stade de France	BBC, R5L	
Wednesday June 17	Group B Chile v Austria	4.30pm	St Etienne	BBC, Talk	
	Group B Italy v Cameroon	8pm	Montpellier	ITV, R5L	
Tuesday June 16	Group A Scotland 1 (Burley 66) Norway 1 (H Flo 46)				30,236
	Group A Brazil v Morocco	8pm	Nantes	ITV, R5L	
Monday June 15	Group G England 2 (Shearer 42; Scholes 90) Tunisia 0				54,587
	Group G Romania 1 (Ilie 45) Colombia 0				37,572
	Group F Germany 2 (Möller 9; Klinsmann 65) United States 0				43,815
Sunday June 14	Group H Argentina 1 (Batistuta 28) Japan 0				33,400
	Group F Yugoslavia 1 (Mihajlovic 73) Iran 0				30,392
	Group H Jamaica 1 (Earle 45) Croatia 3 (Stanic 27; Prosinecki 53; Suker 69)				38,058
Saturday June 13	Group D Spain 2 (Hierro 21; Raúl 47) Nigeria 3 (Adepoju 24; Zubizarreta 73, og; Oliseh 78)				33,257
	Group E South Korea 1 (Ha Seok Ju 27) Mexico 3 (Pelaez 51; Hernandez 74, 82)				37,588
	Group E Holland 0 Belgium 0				75,000
Friday June 12	Group D Paraguay 0 Bulgaria 0				27,650
	Group C Saudi Arabia 0 Denmark 1 (Rieper 68)				38,140
	Group C France 3 (Dugarry 35; Issa 78, og; Henry 90) South Africa 0				55,077
Thursday June 11	Group B Italy 2 (Vieri 10; R Baggio 85, pen) Chile 2 (Salas 45, 50)				31,800
	Group B Cameroon 1 (Njanka 77) Austria 1 (Polster 90)				33,460
Wednesday June 10	Group A Brazil 2 (César Sampaio 4; Boyd 73, og) Scotland 1 (Collins 38, pen)				80,000
	Group A Morocco 2 (Hadji 38; Hadda 59) Norway 2 (Chippo 45, og; Eggen 61)				29,750

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GROUP B

CHILE v AUSTRIA

FROM DAVID POWELL

WORLD CUP-watchers in Great Britain will have a keen eye trained on Marcelo Salas, of Chile, today after his wonderful goal at Wembley in February, but Austria have, in Toni Polster, a forward whose international scoring record is the envy of most. Polster's last-minute equaliser against Cameroon in their opening match took his tally in international matches to 44 goals.

Polster is by far Austria's record scorer, with ten more than Hans Krankl, and today, in St Etienne, he reaches another milestone. He equals Gerhard Hanappi's record number of 93 caps for Austria, established in the Fifties. As you might expect, with Austria seeking to reach the second round for the first time in 12 years, Polster said: "The record is great, but winning the match is more important."

Austria were unimpressive against Cameroon and with Italy to come in their final group game, nothing less than victory this afternoon is likely to do. Polster said that, in facing Salas and Ivan Zamorano, Austria were up against a "dream partnership". Polster and Zamorano know each other well, having played together in Spain for Sevilla.

Austria came through the same qualifying group as Scotland, winning the section, with seven goals from Polster. However, a 3-0 home defeat by the United States in April sowed the seeds of doubt for the finals. With an average age of 30, only Germany are here with an older squad. Much will depend today not only on Polster but on the creative qualities of Andreas Herzog, their midfield playmaker. Mediocrity, though, seems to be the foundation of the Austria team and it is difficult to see them even taking a point.

CHILE (probable, 1-4-3-2): N Tapia — R Fuentes — M Villarroel, J Margas, P Reyes, F Rojas — C Acuna, N Parraguez, F Estay — I Zamorano, M Salas.
AUSTRIA (probable 1-2-5-1-1) M Konsel — W Feiersinger — P Schöndl, A Pfeiffer — H Cerny, D Kühbauer, R Mähsch, H Pfeffenberger, A Weil — A Herzog — A Polster
Referee: G M A Ghandour (Egypt)
COVERAGE: Television: BBC 1 (from 4pm). Eurosport (from 4pm). Talk Radio. Kick-off: 4.30pm.

EN PASSANT

THE CARDS

YELLOW: Austria: A Pfeffer. **Belgium:** L Staelens, E Deflandre. **Brazil:** César Sampaio, Aldair. **Bulgaria:** A Nankov, H Stoichkov, T Ivanov. **Cameroon:** S Ipoua. **Chile:** N Parraguez, C Acuna, F Rojas. **Colombia:** J Santa. **Croatia:** Z Soldo. **Denmark:** A Nielsen, M Rieper, M Wieghorst. **England:** S Campbell. **France:** D Deschamps, E Petit, Z Zidane. **Germany:** J Jeremies, D Hamann, J Helmrich. **Italy:** A di Livio, F Cannavaro. **Jamaica:** D Burton. **Japan:** M Ihara, E Nakanishi, T Hirano. **Mexico:** J Ordoles, A Garcia Espe. **Morocco:** S Chiba. **Nigeria:** A Oliseh. **Norway:** K Rekdal, H Berg. **Paraguay:** M Benitez. **Romania:** G Hagi, C Petrescu, D Munteanu, D Petrescu. **Saudi Arabia:** K Al-Mowalld. **Scotland:** D Jackson (2), G Durie. **Spain:** G Amor, M A Nadal, I Campo. **South Korea:** Lee Min Sung. **Tunisia:** J Clayton, I Ben-Younes, K Ghodbane. **United States:** F Hejduk, E Pope. **Yugoslavia:** Z Petrovic, D Stojkovic.
RED: Bulgaria: A Nankov. **Holland:** P Kluivert. **South Korea:** Ha Seok Ju.

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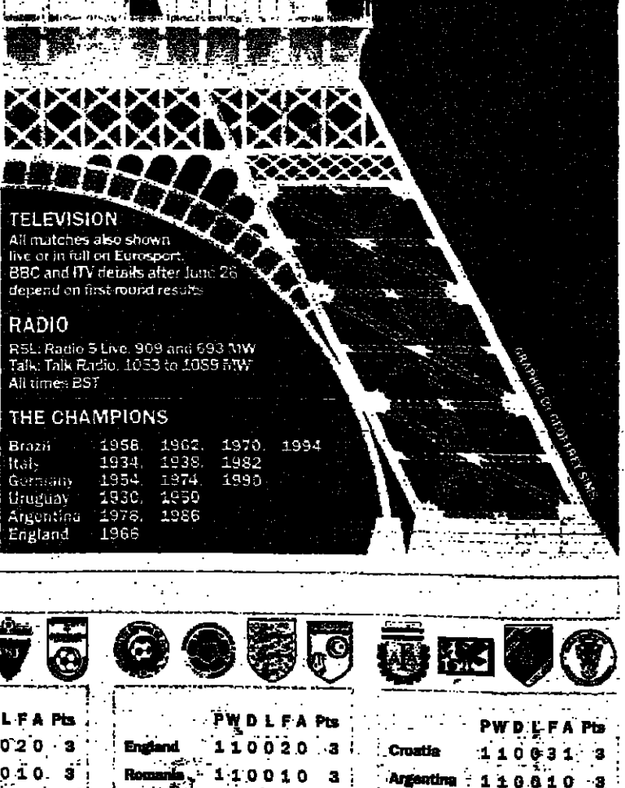
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Italy	1934,	1938,	1982	
Germany	1954,	1974,	1990	
Uruguay	1930,	1950		
Argentina	1978,	1986		
England	1966			



THE GROUPS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Norway	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Morocco	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Scotland	2	0	1	1	3	4	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chile	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Austria	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Cameroon	2	1	0	1	1	1	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Denmark	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
S Arabia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
South Africa	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Spain	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mexico	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Belgium	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Holland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Korea	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Iran	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
US	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Romania	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Colombia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Japan	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jamaica	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

WORLD CUP 98

Age no object as world's finest seek perfect blend

Rob Hughes looks at the ways teams seek to combine the freshness of youth with the benefits of experience

EXPERIENCE, or youth? Now that every team has done its duty once at this World Cup, it may be too soon to develop themes, but there is one intriguing human question: England, having discarded Paul Gascoigne, the last player to have experienced a World Cup, are satisfied that the immediate future is safe at the feet of Paul Scholes, who Glenn Hoddle suggests could be *the* important Englishman of this tournament.

On the other hand, Germany cling to old campaigners who have visited not one, but in some cases two World Cups. The results on Monday were the same — England beating Tunisia 2-0 and Germany erasing the United States likewise — so, although England now attempt to mirror the German method and German tactics and Hoddle is on a voyage of discovery with new players, Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, gives the impression that he would stick with Methuselah were he available.

When the course becomes more exacting, it shall become clear who is right. Vogts, a part of the West Germany and then Germany international structure for a quarter of a century, trusts a trio of veterans — Klinsmann, Kohler and Matthäus — who were triumphant in 1990. Each has at least a hundred caps and between them they register 112 years. Vogts goes further, with eight of Monday's starting line up the wrong side of 30.

He is in good company, because Colombia (with Valderrama, 36) and Romania (with Hagi, 33) will test England's youth with their experience. I recall Helmut Schön, the former West Germany coach, saying: "You don't cling to experienced players, they cling to you. Age is not something to judge by the calendar."

As fresh Africans improvise and delight at this World Cup, as Asia finds the pace and their inexperience beyond them and as well over half of the games have surrendered already a goal from that old-fashioned thing called a corner kick, the human conundrum in a tournament that, in the south at least, will sap the strength of men recurs.

The ageing process in an athlete must, to some extent, be in the mind. Ageing, indeed, depends first on technique and how much a man can save his legs by controlling the ball first time, and second on how he lives his life. It is tiresomely catalogued how the England players see no wrong in drinking themselves silly before a World Cup, while every good German is tucked up in bed by 10pm.

Of course, age asks questions of us all. In sport, the cycle is speeded up and the pace and physical pressure of the games wait for no man. Nor will psychology bale the players out. The Americans tried convincing themselves, before Monday, that Germany's time had run out. "We aren't playing the 1990 world champions, or the 1996 European champions," they said, implying that the Germans were long in the tooth.

Then, after Andy Möller and Jürgen Klinsmann had scored against them, Eric Wynalda, for the Americans, reversed the equation. "When you're playing against former champions of the world and the champions of Europe," he said, "obviously, they aren't those champions for nothing."

Obviously, that, too, comes with experience. It could, of course, be that the United States are not the equals of Germany in ability, know-how or any of the arts that are conditioned in a true footballing nation almost from birth. Pelé observed before a ball was kicked here: "Age won't be a problem to the Germans if the ambience in the team is right."

By contrast, England have to find a new World Cup pedigree. The generation of Bryan Robson, Gary Lineker *et al* is finished — and, besides, England had not qualified since 1990.

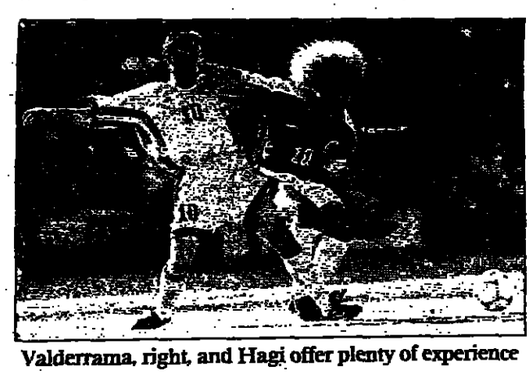
All around, sides are blending what youth excites them with what experience they can hold. Argentina have, perhaps, the best of the two. Nestor Sensini is their only man over 30, yet Batistuta, Simone and Ortega are on their second World Cup.

Why would anyone, whose players have proven their worth, throw them aside? Ultimately, it may be a question of class, of opportunism or of the unexpected stroke of confidence that eradicates all argument.

One man who confounds the theory of a World Cup player being either someone who has lived the experience or someone exciting who is about to is Robbie Earle. The Wimbledon midfield player reached the age of 33 before Jamaica invited him to the World Cup and made him one of the Reggae Boyz.

Chuckling, no doubt, at both the late chance in life and the connotation of Boyz, he headed the Jamaica goal against Croatia in this first round. Neither the beneficiary of experience, nor of youth, Earle is a 100 per center in every way. His world record reads: played once, scored once.

Arrigo Sacchi, the former Italy and AC Milan coach, was yesterday appointed coach of Atlético Madrid. Sacchi replaces Radomir Antic.



Valderrama, right, and Hagi offer plenty of experience

American dream wears down in Paris

TGV



Truss's Grand Voyage

Rue de Lille, Paris

The trouble with the Germany v United States match was that when Americans play soccer, they cease to look American. It's the weirdest thing. They become anonymous. Every other nation can wear shorts and shirts in a distinctively dashing French or South Korean way, but when Americans are clad in equivalent gear, they are instantly denationalised. If only they were allowed to play in knickerbockers and shoulder pads — or, indeed, helmets — we could take them a lot more seriously.

Pitting them against the Germans for their first match seemed terribly unfair, on grounds of national costume alone. Germans are born wearing shorts, as is well known. Some of them even wear shorts and braces when they get the chance. Examine the smooth, hairless legs of Jürgen Klinsmann if you want to know why.

But they are plucky, these Americans, and have already won a lot of hearts at this World Cup by taking to the unaccustomed role of underdogs with such disarming ease. "In Europe," Steve Sampson, the coach, admits, "we lack respect."

And it's true, this "Who-the-hell-are-those-guys?" attitude is what makes their position so uniquely interesting in the tournament. No respect in Europe; precious little respect at home, either. Unlike small, plucky sides such as Jamaica or Belgium, therefore, they have a claim on any neutral observer's sympathy, being humble Americans abroad without visible means of support and, more important, playing the game purely out of love for what they see as an eccentric, exotic sport.

Similarly, one feels a pang for their supporters, the antithesis of the mindless mob who chuck seats and bottles in Marseilles. To be a soccer fan in America is to define yourself, surely, as a Europhile, a non-conformist and a citizen of the world, who hoes a lonely row and has nobody to talk to. In America, there are roughly 250 million people who don't give a damn about soccer. How can you not feel affection for this tribe whose mummy so patently doesn't love them?

Ho hum. The match was at the Parc des Princes, on the western periphery of Paris, over which it's wise to draw a veil. I will concede it can't look its best when one arrives late and confused, shaken to the point of palpitation and nausea from a back-seat car journey that might have been conceived by the Coen brothers. Moreover, the weather was up to its World Cup tricks again.

On a sunny day, Le Parc might be all right, but on Monday night it was cold, with puddles and a bit dreary, so I'll reserve judgment. Suffice to say that its grey-green pitch didn't look the place for a sporting miracle, for turning cola into wine, whereas the Vélodrome in Marseilles (seen only on television so far) has a thrilling, biblical look — four hill crests packed with multitudes, all waiting expectantly to be fed with a couple of fishes and a lot of imagination.

As the statistics show, then, the miracle didn't happen and Germany beat the United States 2-0. Klinsmann made the first goal and scored the second and there was nothing to be done about it. Andy Möller, his teammate (whose shorts are, incidentally, much the shortest of the tournament), headed the ball past Kasey Keller, the Leicester City goalkeeper, in the ninth minute and, from then on, the country that invented old-fashioned know-how was given a lesson in *Vorsprung durch Technik*.

Keller played brilliantly, as always — at one point leaping to punch the ball away with such fantastic power and precision that you expected a zigzag bubble to appear above his head with "Pow!" written in it. Similar improvisational panache was shown by Tom Dooley, the captain, at a crucial moment. The ball threatening to fly past him at knee-level, he threw himself in its path, like Superman intercepting a deadly laser.

Such comic-book stuff aside, however, the United States are obliged to employ the same grammar of football as everyone else, just with slightly less control of the subjunctive and a lesser grasp of idiom. Some of the players, of course, have careers in Europe — one in particular (David Regis) was naturalised at the eleventh hour, having spent much of his career in France. According to rumour, he doesn't speak a word of English.

But in terms of watching the Americans play as a team, there is still a rather larky against-nature quality. It's a dog that walks confidently on its hind legs, but can't yet manage the stairs.



Short shrift: Klinsmann made one goal and scored the other to punish the United States

'Having to play Germany in their first match seemed terribly unfair'

Changing the subject (but thinking of escalators), getting around France is less of a nightmare than I expected. The Paris *Métro* is efficient, the inter-city trains clean and reliable. My only complaint is that the small town of Lens has not seized the occasion to throw up a few international hotels and that they mislead you about the convenience of staying nearby in Lille.

Arriving in Lens on Sunday for the Jamaica v Croatia match (with a month's worth of luggage), my colleague and I found no sign of organised transport — just a big Rasta street party and a lot of French teenagers who laughed "Ha! Ha!" at the idea of locating a taxi. Lille, by the way, must be pronounced "Lee-ler", otherwise drivers think you're saying "Lyons" and set off excitedly in the wrong direction.

LYNNE TRUSS

Former England full back dies at age of 56

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEITH NEWTON, the former England defender, died yesterday. Newton, who played in the 1970 World Cup, had been suffering from cancer since last Christmas. He would have been 57 next week and is survived by his wife, Barbara, and son, Craig.

Newton, a right back, won 27 caps, the last of which was in the 3-2 extra-time defeat by West Germany in León in the quarter-final of the 1970 World Cup. He won his first England cap was in February, 1966, in the 1-0 win over West Germany at Wembley, but failed to gain a place in the the World Cup-winning squad.

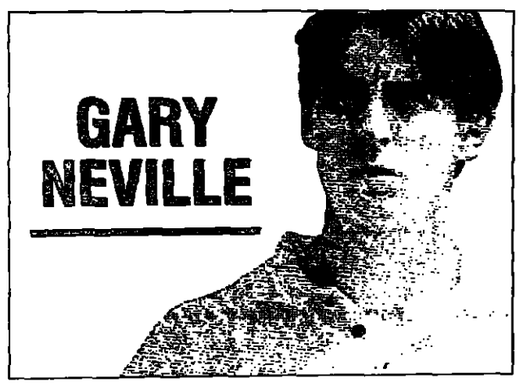
Newton was born in Manchester, but turned professional with Blackburn Rovers and starred in their FA Youth Cup winning side of 59, alongside Fred Pickering and Mike England, both future internationals.

After playing more than 300 league games for Blackburn, he joined Everton for £80,000 in 1969 and won a first division championship medal the following year. It was at Everton that Newton established himself in the England side and a club spokesman said yesterday: "Keith was a much-respected player at this club and will always be remembered for his performances with England and the fact that he was a championship-winner with us."

Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, said: "Keith started his career with us and his death is extremely sad. He was a great servant of Blackburn Rovers and we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife and family." Newton left Goodison Park in 1972 and joined Burnley, where he won a second division championship medal.

Martin O'Neill has announced that he will be staying as manager of Leicester City. O'Neill, who has held talks with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, met Sir Rodney Walker, the Leicester chairman, yesterday and said afterwards: "I needed that one final meeting with Sir Rodney to make sure it could work and once it was finished I could breath a sigh of relief."

Key is playing the patient game



I WAS disappointed not to be picked in the team to play Tunisia on Monday, but as a professional footballer, there would be something wrong if I wasn't. When you suffer a setback, the easiest thing to do is to sulk and feel sorry for yourself and, for the first couple of hours after I was told the news, I did.

Then you begin to get over the disillusionment a little and you make yourself try harder to show a better attitude. I have never been one of those who hopes that a team does not win because I am not in it and you have to make the disappointment wear off quickly. You have to want the lads to win and you have to show them that you want them to win. If you don't do that, you will have problems that will come back to haunt you in your mind.

It was a fantastic result in Marseilles and a great team performance, and there is no point in shouting your mouth off and saying that you deserved to be in. If you do that, you set yourself up for not seizing your chance if it comes.

I approach it by preparing for the next game against Colombia next Monday as if I was playing. I will rest the same as usual, eat the same things, keep to the same routine. The manager has said all along that it is a long tournament and you hope your chance will come. Everyone wants to play a game in the World Cup.

You can never alter the game when you are on the bench and I always want the team to win because I know I am part of it and I want us to progress. If we don't progress, my chance will go. If it was me who was picked, then it would be somebody else who was left out and I can honestly say that I would prefer to be substitute for every game and for England to win the World Cup than to get on to the pitch and see us knocked out in the second phase. You have to keep your head up and, if a bit of luck comes your way and you get your opportunity, then that is all well and good.

David Beckham, who is one of my closest mates at Manchester United, is in the same boat as me at the moment and, of course, we have been talking a lot about not being in the side and helping each other to get on with it. It is nice that Paul Scholes, another of our group, had such an outstanding game against Tunisia.

People don't know much about Scholes because he is such a quiet lad. He keeps himself to himself, which I think is a good thing because it has built this mystique. He's down to earth. He just wants to go home and be with his family. He comes across as shy, but when he gets to know you, he is always taking the mickey. I mentioned the other day about him beating me at pool. Well, he's not shy about reminding me about that.

It didn't surprise me that he played so well on Monday. He has been brilliant in the warm-up games that he has played in and his form has been consistently excellent. I think he is perfect in the position he played in against Tunisia, behind the front two, because it allows him the freedom to break forward.

He's a good tackler, too. He gets stuck in and, if we are under the cosh, he can fall back and slot into the central midfield three. He has got everything. Everybody at United thinks highly of him and I'm delighted that he is getting the success he deserves. He is a great example to everybody.

It is a shame that some of the attention has been taken away from what he did by the actions of the English hooligans. The fans inside the stadium were magnificent and it would be wrong to tar them with the same brush as those who were causing trouble. They are not football fans, they are just hooligans.

There must be a way to stop it happening, but it was good to see that some of them have been given stiff sentences. Hopefully, that sort of example will deter people from throwing bottles and missiles and force them to concentrate on the football or go home.



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TODAY'S WORLD CUP ACTION

8/13 CHILE — 9/4 DRAW — AUSTRIA 4/1
St. Etienne, Kick-off 4.30pm, Live on BBC TV.

CORRECT SCORE		
CHILE	SCORE TO BE	AUST.
11/2	...1-0 ..	9/1
6/1	...2-0 ..	18/1
7/1	...2-1 ..	16/1
10/1	...3-0 ..	66/1
11/1	...3-1 ..	66/1
40/1	...3-2...	66/1
11/2	...0-0...	11/2
5/1	...1-1...	5/1
18/1	...2-2...	18/1

Other scores on request

H/TIME F/TIME	
CHILE ..... CHILE	11/8
CHILE ..... DRAW	14/1
CHILE ..... AUSTRIA	40/1
DRAW ..... CHILE	4/1
DRAW ..... DRAW	4/1
DRAW ..... AUSTRIA	10/1
AUSTRIA ... CHILE	25/1
AUSTRIA ... DRAW	14/1
AUSTRIA ... AUSTRIA	9/1

Bets void if match not completed

2/5 ITALY CAMEROON 6/1 — 11/4 DRAW
Montpellier, Kick-off 8.00pm, Live on ITV.

CORRECT SCORE		
ITALY	SCORE TO BE	CAM.
6/1	...1-0...	12/1
6/1	...2-0...	33/1
8/1	...2-1...	25/1
8/1	...3-0...	100/1
9/1	...3-1...	80/1
40/1	...3-2...	80/1
13/2	...0-0...	13/2
11/2	...1-1...	11/2
22/1	...2-2...	22/1

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WORLD CUP 98

Njanka's golden goal helps to bring overdue recognition for African talents

Cameroon set sights on Lions' share of glory

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN BEZIERS

THAT African football legend, Roger Milla, may be irreplaceable, but as Cameroon sets its sights on an upset in their match against Italy today, there is growing interest in the new crop of young players who have got the Indomitable Lions roaring once more.

Among them is Pierre Njanka, an amateur player until now unknown beyond his native land, who became a footballer in defiance of his father's wishes and who announced his arrival in the big time with the stunning goal against Austria.

As the shy defender recalled how he rounded two opponents and slotted the ball into the net with the calm assurance of a seasoned striker, his face lit up with delight. He said that he received the ball around the halfway line and, because he could see no one to his right, just kept on running. The rest is history.

"To score that goal made me very glad, so happy," the smiling 23-year-old said. "It was a surprise for me. I hope that the fans and people of Cameroon will now take me more seriously."

Since he scored that goal, the team hotel near Beziers, an elegant château set amid forest and lush lawns on the edge of a small village, has been inundated with phone calls from French and Italian clubs, averaging about ten a day. Such recognition is particularly sweet for Njanka, who said that players back home have struggled to get ahead because of a lack of support at domestic and international level.

One of four players in the squad playing for amateur teams in Cameroon, Njanka was left behind for the African Nations' Cup in February while foreign players were brought over to nearby Burkina Faso. The team's early exit operied the way for the return of Claude Le Roy, the Paris Saint-Germain sporting director and the coach who took Cameroon to the World Cup finals in 1990 and 1994 — and a new approach. As the Frenchman has shown in the past, he is not afraid to throw young players in at the deep end and encourages all of his players to "have a go".

It is a philosophy that finds favour with Njanka. "I like this style of football because I like to go forward," he said. "Back home, I play as a sweeper. I am more of an attacking type of player than a defending type."

The match against Austria was Njanka's third appearance in the national team, but he would not have got this far had he followed the advice of his father, a building engineer, and mother, a domestic worker. The youngest of five children from the coastal town of Douala, Njanka saw how one of his brothers was dissuaded from becoming a footballer and refused to be pressured into a career. At 19, he joined Tiger Sportif, a third division side in Douala, moved to a second division club a year later and, after two seasons, was signed by Olympic Mvolye, of the first division.

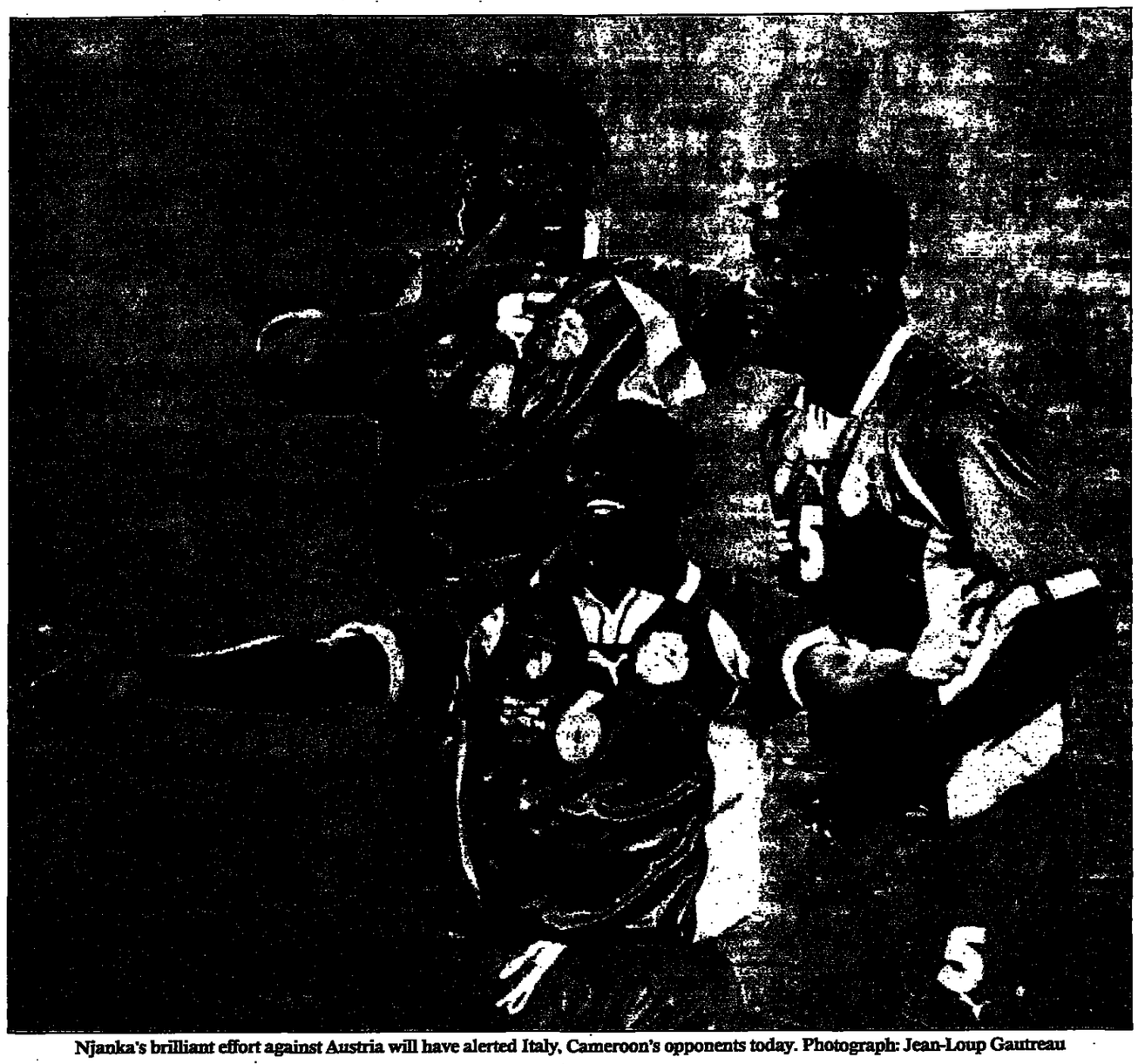
For all his lack of international experience, he is not daunted by the prospect of taking on Italy and coming face to face with players such as Roberto Baggio and Alessandro del Piero. "We are not frightened," he said. "Frightened is the wrong word; respect is the right one. Just remember, every footballer has two feet, one head, two arms and the ball is round. We will win if God wills it."

Against Austria, Cameroon conceded a sloppy goal in injury time when victory was within their grasp. Lapses in concentration have let them down time and again at crucial moments, most notably against England in the 1990 World Cup, when they stumbled after taking the lead and went down 3-2.

"African teams are not used to the pace of top-level matches," Njanka said. "The goal against Austria is a prime example. It is a question of mental programme and after we scored we lost our concentration, because subconsciously we thought we had won. We will be careful this does not happen against Italy."

With Nigeria also coming good at the right moment, he hoped that this World Cup will bring rewards for African football. "We need more financial support and good advice to show us what to do to get to a higher level," he said. "We hope this tournament will make people take African football more seriously and give us greater backing."

On a personal level, too, Njanka recognised that the World Cup presents a great opportunity and he favours moving to a top French club, given the choice. "Back home, I was a hidden star, but now I have been discovered," he said. "The World Cup has given me that chance."



Njanka's brilliant effort against Austria will have alerted Italy, Cameroon's opponents today. Photograph: Jean-Loup Gautreau

Salas plots glittering progress to top of the world

FROM DAVID POWELL IN ST ETIENNE

MARCELO SALAS began life near the bottom of the world — he was born in Temuco, at the southern end of Chile — but who cares about geography? Salas may be on his way to making history. The top of the world awaits.

One of only two players to score twice in the opening round of matches, Salas is halfway already to equalling the highest number of goals by a Chilean in a World Cup. Leonel Sánchez, with his four on home soil in 1962, shared the Golden Boot with five other players.

Today, Salas faces Austria in a group B match here, having recovered from a thigh injury suffered in training on Saturday, two days after Chile's 2-2 draw with Italy. "He is feeling much better and I am sure he will be able to play," Eugenio Valdecanto, the team doctor, said.

Up against Salas and Ivan Zamorano, a voracious strike force with 25 goals between them in 16 qualifying matches, the Austrians may feel as though they are back on the slopes of the Hahnenkamm. If Salas is in predatory mood, Austria will have a mountain to climb.

Wembley had a taste of Chile spice in February when Salas scored both goals, one a classic, in a 2-0 win over England. Sol Campbell, the England defender, may have been outstanding against Tunisia on Monday, but that night he was given a torrid time by Salas.

Enhancing his reputation for the spectacular, Salas's second goal against Italy was a leaping



Salas: target

header. We would be reflecting now on a Salas hat-trick had he not headed a clear chance over early on. Nevertheless, Ladbrokes cut the odds against him finishing top scorer in the tournament from 50-1 to 4-1.

If Salas's accuracy is wanting sometimes, his agility and movement ensure that he is difficult to pin down. "He looks for the ball, knows where to put it and is always on the go," Nelson Acosta, the Chile coach, said. "He knows that this is his big chance to become a world star."

If Italy, as a nation, regretted Salas's skills last Thursday, the men in charge of Lazio will have *felt warm contentment*. Salas will be playing in Italy for Lazio next season, having been signed from the Argentine club, River Plate, for £12 million after earlier interest from Manchester United faded.

Despite being only 23, Salas is already among Chile's most-capped players, having played for his country 36 times. He was 15 when he left Temuco to go 400 miles north to Santiago, the capital, to play for Universidad de Chile. In 1996, River Plate beat Boca Juniors to Salas's signature for £1.8 million.

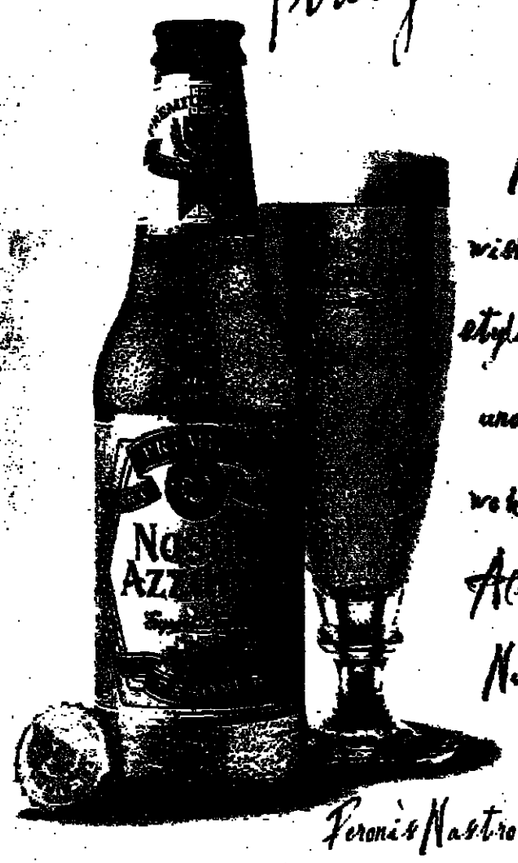
Stockily built and possessing superb balance, Salas has been dubbed *El Matador* because of his killer instinct. "I think one of my virtues is my awareness of space and you need that in the penalty area," Salas said.

"I have an intuition of where the ball is going and the speed to get there before the defender." Of his partnership with Zamorano, he said: "We work well together. The two of us are one force." Austria beware.

Italy versus Cameroon.

(One thing is for sure this evening.

Italy will hit the bar.)

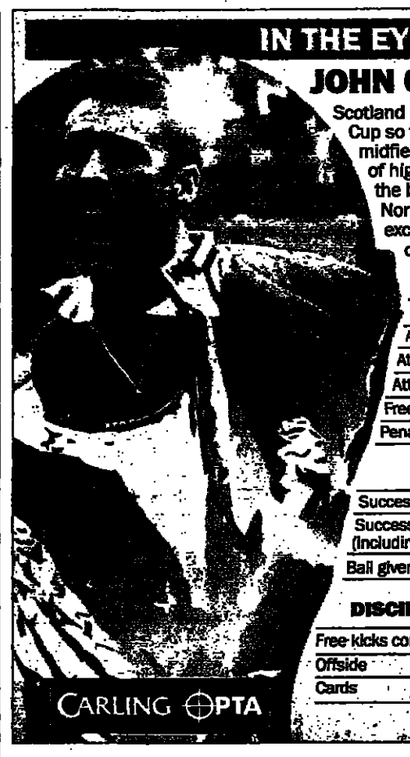


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IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD



JOHN COLLINS (Scotland)

Scotland have much to thank Collins for in this World Cup so far. Another accomplished performance in midfield has enhanced his reputation as a player of high class. His clever and economical use of the ball in Bordeaux yesterday often reduced the Norwegians to desperate defence. These exclusive Carling Opta statistics tell the tale of his performance

PENETRATION	
Goals	0
Attempts on target	0
Attempts off target	1
Attempts blocked	1
Free kicks won	1
Penalties won	0

EFFICIENCY	
Successful passes in opposition half	32
Successful passes into opposition penalty area (including crosses and corners)	2
Ball given away in own half	0

DISCIPLINE		SECURITY	
Free kicks conceded	0	Tackles won	2
Offside	0	Tackles lost	3
Cards	0		

CARLING OPTA

Minutes on pitch

Ferguson warms to his task

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE WORLD CUP ON TELEVISION



AT WORK, Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, exudes a don't-mess-with-me air that defies contradiction. Those who have crossed him rarely do it again; those who do are often reduced to human rubble, shelled like a prawn and discarded on the pile.

At play, Alex Ferguson, the television pundit, sits backs and smiles. Gone is the relentless gum-chewing, grudging admission of any team weakness and one-eyed judgment on the performance of the match officials. He chuckles frequently, offers his opinions agreeably and appears to genuinely relish the studio banter.

Ferguson was a natural choice for ITV yesterday when the channel covered the match between Scotland and Norway, as was Ian St John as summariser to Brian Moore. A Scottish element to the proceedings — comments from the heart, deep from the soul — were always required ingredients amid the semi-serious analysis of Terry Venables and careful commentary of Moore.

With Bob Wilson setting the questions, there was never any chance of serious provocation. In the pre-match preamble, Ferguson was no more than "surprised" that David Beckham was left out of the England side that defeated Tunisia the day before. He was merely "disappointed" that there was no place for Gary Neville, either.

At half-time, he was similarly shrewd when asked to adjudicate on the penalty that wasn't, when Gordon Durie appeared to be tripped just inside the area but was awarded only a free kick. "It was an opportunity for the referee to give a brave decision," he said. Had United been so denied, the scathing response would have stripped paint.

Ferguson was enjoying it, despite the fact that he could have been at Royal Ascot to watch his horse, Queensland Star. It was a day out with the boys and about as informal as it gets for one so constantly in the public glare.

And then it all went wrong. Scotland suddenly switched to self-destruct mode and their confidence evaporated at the start of the second half, as Havard Flo headed Norway in front. It was too much for St John, a previously controlled, complimentary voice. "We're our own worst enemies at times," he lamented. "This is a horror story."

Craig Burley's 66th-minute equaliser eased the fears, reignited the frenzied support of the Tartan Army and prevented St John from blurting out "We're doomed" into the nation's living rooms. A defeat would have prematurely ended Scotland's involvement in the finals; a 1-1 draw, extracted from the brink of extinction, keeps them alive.

Ferguson, more thoughtful than earlier, examined the evidence. "Aye, we've still got a chance," he said. "They've done a job but it's all getting a bit nervy now."

French greed and stupidity behind Marseilles violence

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

"Our city expects compensation from the British authorities for the destruction and depradation carried out by its citizens." So said *Renaud Muselier, the deputy* mayor of Marseilles. *Mon dieu*, what absolute and total tosh. Self-justifying tosh at that, designed to cover up the fact that the French authorities and the city of Marseilles have made a complete cock-up of it all.

Let me make one thing clear from the start: I am not excusing the English violence. Nor, for that matter, the violence of the people of North African extraction, many presumably French *citoyens*. But the French bogged it up and they know it. The fact is that their sewage system sprung a leak and they are blaming the effluent instead of the pipe.

> 'It had been turned into a vast open-air drinking den'

English football supporter is drunk shock! Amazingly, a lot of English supporters drank beer over the past few days. A small amount of preliminary research would have shown that English football supporters often drink beer, if they can get it.

If you have beer for sale, English football supporters will buy it. And then, believe it or not, they will drink it. And then, oddly enough, they will be drunk. And they will sing songs very loudly and be very cheerful.

Drunken good vibes are very precarious things, balanced on a knife-edge of amiability. One wrong word and it all goes wrong. Violent over-reaction lurked behind the massed beery smiles as I strolled along the Avenue du Prado before the game on Monday, an avenue that had been turned into a vast open-air drinking den.

Thousands and thousands of English boys, untold thousands of bottles. As I walked the avenue's length, I could see that trouble would follow as night follows day. I did not have to be especially clever or experienced to know this.

But instead, police effort was concentrated on herding the paying punters, of which I was one, into a small space for a triple-level security check before entering the stadium. It was a fine example of potentially lethal over-crowding, an error that has killed thousands in stadium disasters since football began.

It was on leaving the stadium after the match that the bottles started flying. The bottles should not have been sold in the first place. Having sold them, the obvious thing was to take them away. But no: the street was carefully armed with pile after pile of grenade-sized bottles and over they came. *Quelle surprise.*

A mixture of stupidity and greed is what has undone Marseilles. When I covered the World Cup of 1990 in Italy, it was frightfully depressing. Every time I arrived in a town for a match, they shut the bars; every time I left town for the next match, the bars opened again. It was vile, but it kept trouble to a minimum.

In the United States four years on, it was better. No English. And only the reasonably wealthy members of the participating nations could afford to go and watch. The beer-bottle-throwing classes were priced out of it. The locals didn't give a stuff about football, so I was able to sip my Californian wine in peace in a nice restaurant at the end of Santa Monica Boulevard.

On to the European championship of 1996, held in England. With very little trouble. It was more or less impossible to get a drink, of course, and very noisy. The problems had been thought through. No one was able to make a quick profit selling beer.

England's bid to hold the World Cup of 2006 is surely now in tatters. So I keep reading, anyway. That is muddled thinking. It is not the English who have failed; it is the French. They knew the English were coming — and their reaction was to make as much money out of them as possible. It was a French, not an English failure; a failure of administration and policing.

> 'The street was armed with pile upon pile of bottles'

And the part played by the North African *citoyens* deserves comment: their role as *provocateurs* was as predictable as the invasion of the English. I am not deflecting blame, just scattering it about a bit. I yield to no man in my loathing for the drunken Englishman abroad, but France knew they were coming.

English grounds are now safer places, because of flat-out policing and the policy of pricing out hooligans. The problem has never gone away, it has just been sleeping.

It was waiting for a special moment to reawaken. After eight years came this jamboree, and young men have dug deep into their pockets for the jaunt. The French have helped themselves from those pockets and shrugged their shoulders in amazement at the results.

Incroyable.

CRICKET

Storm clouds return to haunt Lord's

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord's Test match, the centrepiece of the cricketing summer, is once more at the mercy of the weather. A saturated outfield and an uncertain weather forecast have raised doubts about a prompt start tomorrow and with Mick Hunt, the groundsman, admitting that his pitch will be damp, England are keeping all selection options open.

Hunt has worked at Lord's for 30 years, but he said yesterday: "I can't remember any Test preparation as bad as this one. There has been no proper drying weather for ten days and the ground was under water at the weekend."

"There is no chance of getting the pitch properly dry and I would say it is bound to seam about on the first day. It's a great shame, as the pitches here this year have had some pace, whereas this one is sure to be slow. It's been a bit like baking a cake, getting all the ingredients right and then having a power cut."

Hunt and his staff have worked long into the night, several times and the motorised whale was once again fully employed yesterday on an outfield that "would not take much more rain", according to David Graveney, the chairman of England's selectors.

"On some parts of the ground, the water is coming over your shoes." Graveney, who was keen to disown weekend reports that Chris Silverwood had been chosen only as twelfth man, added. "We are picking from our full 12 and there is no chance of Chris being released to play for Yorkshire."

"The make-up of the bowling attack will depend not only on the state of the pitch but on the length of the game. If the weather delays the start and we lose a day or more, there are different factors to consider," Graveney said, an implication that, in such circumstances, England might even do without spin.

A year ago, the Lord's Test against Australia suffered a miserable fate, the first day being lost entirely to rain and only 90 minutes' play being possible on the Friday. In that time, however, England began plummeting towards the humiliation of 77 all out by losing three quick wickets.

The men out were Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher and Alec Stewart and they were linked by a different discomfort yesterday as all three had their Test preparations interrupted by illness or injury.

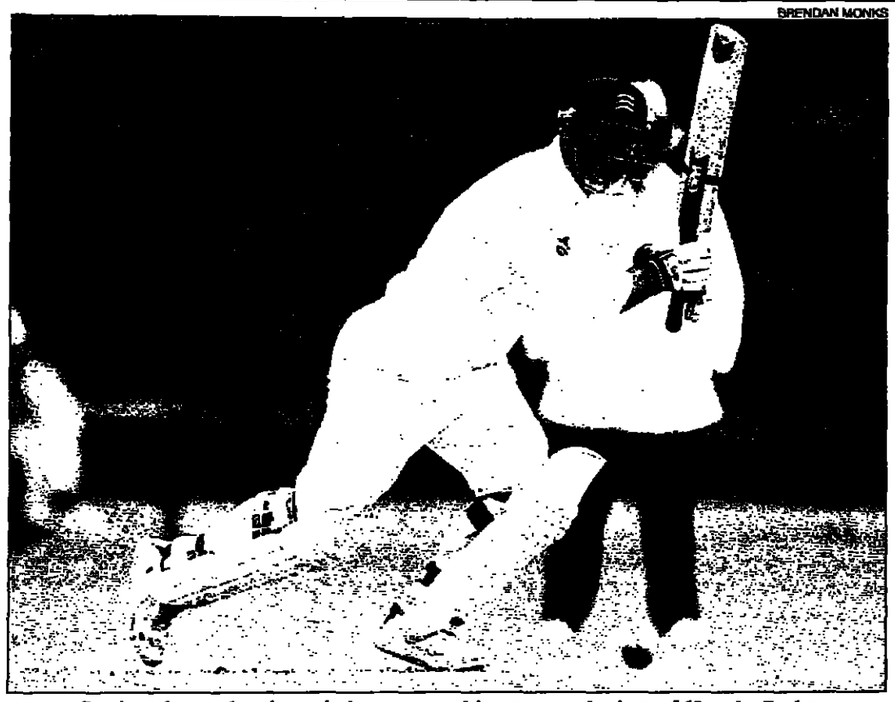
Atherton did have a brief net before retiring to the team hotel with a heavy cold, but Butcher, who bruised his left thumb while fielding for Surrey on Monday, and Stewart, the captain, who had a mild case of food poisoning, took no part in practice. All three should be fit tomorrow; there can be no such confidence regarding pitch and weather.

From another part of Lord's yesterday came something equally wet — yet another deferment by the International Cricket Council on the instigation of a world championship for Test cricket.

The sub-committee set up 12 months ago to investigate alternative methods of structuring such a development had come to the annual meeting with definite proposals — a single event staged perhaps every four years, or a Test ladder based on results over a four-year period — but apparently found no consensus among the member countries.

Ali Bacher, the chief executive of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), pledged yesterday that talented black cricketers would be fast-tracked through the system in order to produce Test teams more representative of the nation's racial mix. Next week, three black Africans are to be elected to the UCBSA's executive committee as administrative practices also come under review.

BRENDAN MONKS



Gatting plays a shot through the covers on his way to an innings of 62 at the Parks

Prichard back to lift Essex

BY SIMON WILDE

PAUL PRICHARD, the most experienced captain in county cricket, who has been out of action for seven weeks because of shin splints, takes back the reins of the Essex side today. In his absence, during which the leadership was in the hands of Nasser Hussain and Stuart Law, the team slipped unexpectedly to the foot of the Britannic Assurance county championship.

Prichard, 33, who took over from Graham Gooch as captain in 1995, has worked his way back carefully to fitness in junior matches and is now prepared to play his first championship game since late April against Somerset at Bath. If he survives, he can expect to lead Essex on July 11 in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup, in which, after a shaky start and in defiance of their championship form, they have played better as the tournament has gone on.

Essex's championship season has been miserable. They fielded a full-strength team in the first match at Worcester, but have not done so again. Ilott and Cowan withdrew with injuries from the second game, in which Prichard broke down, and Such pulled out of the third. Cowan may also play today if his shoulder and back come through a test.

Essex have lost three matches and come off worst in three more. Nor are they likely to find themselves picking up an easy first victory against Somerset. Since making a poor start, Somerset have beaten Surrey and Warwickshire and gone down to Lancashire by a narrow margin. Caddick, who knows all about shin splints himself, is bowling superbly.

Jason Gallian, who has not played for a month because of a trapped nerve, returns to bolster another struggling side, Nottinghamshire, who meet Kent at Canterbury. Like Prichard, Gallian has yet to make a score above 40 in the championship, which, for a player whose departure from Old Trafford created such a stir, must be frustrating.

Bath and Canterbury are among few games staging conventional 11am starts. At Cardiff and Northampton, play is scheduled to begin at noon and at Hove the first over in the match between Sussex and Warwickshire will not be bowled before 1pm.

With play scheduled to go on until 8.30pm, Hove spectators will be deprived of viewing live on television the day's two World Cup football matches, but their compensation could be to see Ed Giddins, the Warwickshire fast bowler, performing for the first time against the club that dismissed him two years ago.

The championship match between Lancashire and Surrey, the leaders, at Old Trafford does not start until tomorrow. Today, the sides stage a floodlit Axa League fixture.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (6)	7	4	1	2	24	23	117
Durham (17)	7	3	2	2	12	27	93
Sussex (18)	6	3	1	2	12	23	89
Gloucs (7)	6	3	2	1	9	24	84
Yorkshire (6)	6	2	2	2	12	22	72
Lancs (11)	6	2	1	3	11	18	70
Leics (10)	6	2	0	4	12	14	70
Kent (2)	7	2	2	3	5	23	69
Derbys (16)	6	2	3	1	10	20	65
Somerset (12)	6	2	3	1	10	19	64
Middlesex (4)	6	2	2	2	12	14	64
Worcs (3)	6	1	1	4	16	17	61
Glamorgan (1)	6	1	2	3	12	22	58
Northants (15)	6	1	0	5	8	14	53
Notts (13)	6	1	3	2	7	21	50
Warwicks (4)	6	1	4	1	7	22	48
Hampshire (14)	5	1	1	3	6	15	46
Essex (8)	6	0	3	3	9	22	40

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Gatting in rage at century that got away

BY THRASY PETROPOULOS

THE PARKS (final day of three; Oxford University won toss): Oxford University drew with Middlesex

SIX YEARS ago, Mike Gatting was the captain when Middlesex became the first county to be beaten by Oxford University in 18 years. He made a generous declaration, setting the students a target of 212 in 60 overs, which they achieved for the loss of five wickets with 15 balls to spare.

It was a defeat that Gatting was happy to take because he has always encouraged university cricket. On that occasion, an unbeaten hundred by Richard Montgomerie, now of Northamptonshire, took the students to victory.

What would Gatting give now for a hundred of his own? This season, he has yet to add to the 92 centuries that he has scored in first-class cricket and, finding himself at the helm once again yesterday, the determination with which he set about the Oxford bowlers indicated that No 93 was on its way. On 62, however, he drove a stinging catch to Joe Parker in the covers. Publicly, he plays down the importance of achieving a hundred first-class centuries before he calls it a day, but his anger at his dismissal told another story.

Richard Kettleborough and Owais Shah took up the Middlesex cause with a partnership of 136 in 25 overs while Gatting resorted to the job of moving one of the sightscreens before calling his men in on 255 for one.

On this occasion, Gatting's declaration proved to be too cautious and the target too steep for Oxford. Chris Batt removed Jason Mollins leg-before to the first ball of the innings — his first delivery in first-class cricket — and, in his fourth over, he saw off Wagh and Byrne in successive deliveries. His fourth wicket, that of John Claughton, gave him career-best figures.

Given the loss of two days to the weather and a vandalised pitch on Sunday, Gatting surprisingly agreed to call a halt to proceedings with Oxford six wickets down and 12 overs remaining.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Howes leaves in new twist at St Helens

■ **RUGBY LEAGUE:** In the continuing turmoil at St Helens, David Howes yesterday resigned as chief executive after three years (Christopher Irvine writes). His decision follows the appointment by the board of Eric Hughes, the former coach, as football operations manager, without reference to him and Shaun McRae, the coach, whose future is in doubt when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Eric Ashton, a Howes ally, resigned as chairman last December, claiming that he did not have the support of fellow directors, who recently rejected two potential takeover bids. Howes, a former public affairs executive of the Rugby Football League, is expected to take up a commercial position with the Leeds Rhinos. Nigel Hansford, the St Helens financial controller, becomes acting chief executive at Knowsley Road.

■ **RUGBY UNION: Leicester have clinched their third signing of the summer in Pat Howard, the Australia back. They have beaten Richmond to the signature of the 24-year-old, who follows Tim Stimpson, the Newcastle and England full back, and David Lougheed, the Canada wing, to Welford Road. Howard has been capped 20 times by Australia since his debut against New Zealand five years ago.**

■ **CRICKET:** Sussex expect to be without Keith Newell, the all-rounder, for up to six weeks because he has suffered a broken finger on his left hand. Newell picked up the injury when struck by a delivery from Nantie Hayward, the South African pace bowler, during the tour match at Arundel.

■ **SWIMMING: The hearing into allegations that Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic champion, tampered with a urine sample that she provided to out-of-competition drug testers in January has been delayed until July 24.**

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND ON COURSE FOR TOUR WITHOUT VICTORY

Sturnham and Lewsey ease the pain

New Zealand Academy 50
England XV 32

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN INVERCARGILL

THERE are 3,000 tickets remaining for the international in Dunedin between New Zealand and England on Saturday and, if they are snapped up, it will be no thanks to the touring team. With a display that undermines the growing credibility of the domestic competition in which they play, England crumbled here yesterday and are looking at the bleak prospect of a tour in which they win nothing.

They have lost their first three matches, with an average scoreline of 48-14 against; their administrators have lost respect for sending an understrength squad on a desperate mission and the players are losing respect for the standards they offer for public consumption. English back play has seldom been at a lower ebb.

All this against a team whose average age is 22. All Black wannabees but with their way to make. Their first training run together was little more than 48 hours before yesterday's match but every member of the starting line-up had made at least one appearance in the Super 12 tournament. "It's a vindication of the faith the New Zealand RFU has in its youth," Ross Cooper, their coach, said.

The youngsters showed an ability to play under pressure that was beyond this England XV, for whom the saving grace was that they fought back from a 14-point deficit, then from one of 18 points, to a position from which they could have achieved a morale-boosting win. They did so by a reversion to nine-man rugby that, no matter the sneers it now attracts, still has a place in the game.

But once the ball moved beyond Scott Benton at scrum half, the Academy were as likely to score as England. Having recovered to 38-32 with 11 minutes remaining and the Academy forwards tiring rapidly, England twice surrendered possession from which their opponents put the result beyond doubt.

Clive Woodward at least discovered those he cannot pick: Alex King is a shadow of the talented fly half who helped Wasps to the 1997 league title. Stuart Potter was over-committed in defence, Matt Moore's confidence is at a lowly ebb and Tim Stimpson is cruelly inconsistent.

The few positive elements surrounded Ben Sturnham, who is in no mood to surrender his international place, the footballing ability of Josh Lewsey, when he appeared as a makeshift wing, and the hard core of Gloucester gumption running through the team.

Humphreys kicks for victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID HUMPHREYS did his hopes of securing a place in the Ireland side to play South Africa on Saturday no harm when he kicked seven penalty goals against North West at Potchefstroom yesterday. The performance of the London Irish fly half, plus a try for Richard Wallace, carried Ireland to a 26-18 victory.

However, North West, who have not defeated a touring side since 1955, made Ireland sweat when they cancelled out an 18-6 interval deficit with two tries and a conversion in the first ten minutes of the second half.

Ireland have now won two of their six tour games. An injury to David Corkery is their biggest concern as they seek to improve on the 37-13 defeat inflicted by the Springboks last Saturday.

Scotland slid to a third successive defeat when they lost 27-22 to Queensland in Ballymore yesterday. The Scots were punished for a performance strewn with errors and only the goalkicking of Duncan Hodge, the fly half, kept them in contention.

The Scots have an injury worry ahead of their second international with Australia on Saturday, with Derrick Lee, the full back, going off early with a bruised heel. However, his injury did allow Hugh Gilmour, his replacement, a chance to impress. Steve Brotherstone scored the Scotland try, which Hodge converted. The fly half also kicked four penalty goals.

Wales slumped to their second successive defeat on their tour of South Africa, losing 24-8 to Border in East London — but it was the circumstances of the defeat rather than the scoreline that will concern Dennis John, the Wales caretaker coach.

Border were meant to be the easiest opponents on the tour, but Wales could manage only one try for the second match running. It came from Richard Rees, the Swansea wing, in the first half.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM (for the European Cup in St Petersburg, Russia, June 27-28) Men: 100m: C Jackson (Brecon) 200m: D Weller (Newham and Essex) 400m: M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 800m: A Hart (Leamington) 1,500m: J Mayock (Cannock and Staffs) 3,000m: A Whiteman (GEC Avionics) 5,000m: K Keska (Birchfield) 110m hurdles: Jackson 400m hurdles: A Borsumato (Mandale) 3,000m steeplechase: B Whitby (Hounslow) Long jump: N Morgan (Birchfield) Triple jump: J Edwards (Gateshead) High jump: S Smith (Liverpool). Pole vault: N Buckfield (Crawley) Shot: M Proctor (Newham and Essex) Hammer: M Jonas (Belgrave) Discus: P Wee (Birchfield) Javelin: S Backley (Cambridge) 4 x 100m: A Condon (Sale), D Campbell (Belgrave), D Walker, J Golding (Blackheath), D Chambers (Belgrave). J Gardner (Wessex and Bath) 4 x 400m: M Richardson, I Thomas (Newham and Essex), R Black (Team Solent), J Baulch (Cardiff), M Hylton (Windsor, Slough and Eton) S Baldock (Belgrave) Women: 100m: M Richardson (WSE) 200m: N Merry (Birchfield) 400m: A Curbishley (Edinburgh Woollen Mills) 800m: T Blake (Santa Monica) 1,500m: P Radcliffe (Bedford) 3,000m: A Davies. 5,000m: P Radcliffe 100m hurdles: A Thorp (Wigan) 400m hurdles: V Jamison (Lagan Valley) Long jump: S Claxton (Colchester) Triple jump: C Henry (Shaftesbury Barnet). High jump: J Jennings (Essex) Pole vault: J Whitlock (Trafford) Shot: J Oakes (Croydon) Hammer: L Shaw (Sale). Discus: S Drew (Sutton and District) Javelin: L Jackson (EWM) 4 x 100m: M Richardson, J Maduaka (Essex), K Merry, E Ruddock (Rugby), A Thorp, J Whitlock 4 x 400m: A Curbishley, D Fraser (Croydon), V Jamison, M Thomas (Birchfield), M Pierre (Croydon), N Danvers (Croydon)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 7 Cleveland 6 (10inns), Detroit 3 Minnesota 2; Tampa Bay 8 Toronto 7, Baltimore 7 New York Yankees 4, Chicago White Sox 3 Boston 2, Anaheim 8 Texas 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 13 Cincinnati 2; Philadelphia 2 Pittsburgh 1, Chicago Cubs 6 Milwaukee 5, Colorado 4 San Francisco 3 (12inns)

ENGLAND XV. T Stimpson (Leicester); M Moore (Sale rep J Lewsey, Bristol, 45). S Potter (Leicester rep S Ravenscroft, Saracens, 56), J Baxendell (Sale) D Chapman (Richmond); A King (Wasps), S Benton (Gloucester, rep P Richards, London Irish, 67), A Windo (Gloucester, rep D Bell, Sale, 40). G Chuter (Saracens; rep R Cockerill, Leicester, 36). D Crompton (Richmond) R Fidler (Gloucester), D Sims (Gloucester). B Sturnham (Saracens), L Moody (Leicester, rep R Pool-Jones, Stade Français, 45). A Diprose (Saracens captain)

Referee: C Hawke (South Canterbury)

BOWLS

EBA TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Surrey 30 Hampshire 21

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Derbyshire 140 Worcester 104

THOMAS TAYLOR WATERLOO TOURNAMENT: Men: Third round: C Warren (Heysham) bt H Silvester (Wigan) 21-18 B Hepworth (Mirfield) bt C Sutcliffe (Meltrey) 21-20; G Hopps (Micklefield) bt W Ward (Keighley) 21-14, L Pritchett (Bermingham) bt M Slater (Keighley) 21-18, D Boyd (Warton) bt B Stamp (Wirral) 21-20, W Hope (Altrincham) bt M Webster (Altrincham) 21-15; G Howard (Glossop) bt S Perfitt (Warrington) 21-15, P Bawendale (Adlington) bt M Bland (Telford) 21-20 Women: Third round: P Corns (Bradford) bt J Smith (Whitefield) 21-15, G Delton (Preston) bt D Craig (Whitefield) 21-19, P Caudwell (Whitefield) bt P Roscoe (Wigan) 21-20, M Harrison (Stoke) bt J Wharton (Timperley) 21-11 S Holmes (Stoke) bt J Dutton (Stoke) 21-10, S Holdsworth (Pudsey) bt B Robinson (Rochdale) 21-18, S Hannibal (Whitefield) bt M Brown (Wigan) 21-10.

TORQUAY: English Riviera Open: Men's pairs: Fourth round: D Lane and B Carnell bt D Emby and A O'Neill 22-8, G Sanderson and L Monkboys bt D Ball and S Johnson 20-17, R Johnson and D Denison bt D Gibson and H Johnson 23-14, G Woodward and S Woodward bt N James and P Pull 21-19, C James and C Dowding bt E Collins and J Evans 26-16, M Northall and K Chedgzoy bt I Fuller and D Liles 23-14; A Howard and I Male bt C King and G Milmen 23-9, H Lammas and P Moule bt S Evans and P Downs 21-15

CRICKET

University match

Oxford University v Middlesex

THE PARKS (final day of three) Oxford University drew with Middlesex

MIDDLESEX

R A Kettleborough not out	92
*M W Gatting c Parker b Byrne	62
O A Shah not out	79
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 10, nb 2)	22
Total (1 wkt dec)	255

J C Pooley, †D C Nash, K P Dutch, A Laraman, I N Blanchett, N D Martin, C Batt and U B A Rashid did not bat

FALL OF WICKET 1-119.

BOWLING: Mather 9-1-34-0; Eadie 9-2-42-0; Khan 8-0-45-0, Wagh 8-0-45-0; Byrne 10-2-45-1, Garland 6-0-34-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

J A M Mollins lbw b Batt	0
J A Claughton lbw b Batt	11
M A Wagh b Batt	12
P W Byrne lbw b Batt	0
*J A G Fulton c Gatting b Dutch	33
J T Parker c Dutch b Martin	19
R Garland not out	19
D J Eadie not out	4
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (6 wkts)	100

†A P Scrivi, S H Khan and D P Mather did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-18, 3-18, 4-27, 5-65, 6-87

BOWLING: Batt 9-1-31-3, Blanchett 6-0-22-0; Dutch 9-0-25-0; Martin 6-1-22-1

Umpires: D R Shepherd and M Benson

TOUR MATCH: Kurunegala: New Zealanders 240-8 (N J Astle 57, S P Fleming 52), Sri Lanka Board President's XI 208-9 (A Gunawardena 96) New Zealand won by 32 runs

AON TROPHY: Teddington: Middlesex v Northamptonshire, match abandoned.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Bedford Town: Cumberland 107; Bedford 109 Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset 298 (J J E Hardy 113, M Swarbrick 65), Shropshire 185 (M A Turner 56) Grantham: Lincolnshire v Northumberland, match abandoned. Banbury: Oxon v Wales, match abandoned. Corsham: Wiltshire 400 (R J Sillence 126), Berkshire 361 (J R Wood 102, S D Myles 62-P R Catford 5-73) First day of two: Werrington: Cheshire 233-9 (S C Wuncke 87, J D Bean 72; C J Ellison 5-74) and 7-0; Cornwall 239-9 (B F S Purchase 90, S W Hampson 5-65)

SCHOOLS MATCH: Repton 58 Shrewsbury 59-1

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches

Border	24	Wales	8

Border: Tries: Heidtmann, Van der Walt. Con: Bradbrook. Pens: Bradbrook 4 Wales: Try: Rees. Pen: A Thomas

(in East London)

NZ Academy	50	England	32

New Zealand Academy: Tries: Kelleher 2, Maka 2, Reihana 2, Alatini Cons: Feeney 3. Holwell 2, Reihana. Pen: Holwell England: Tries: Benton 2, Chapman, Fidler Cons: Simpson 3 Pens: Simpson 2

(in Invercargill)

North West	18	Ireland	26

North West: Tries: Bouwer, Prinsloo Con: Van Den Berg Pens: Van Den Berg 2. Ireland: Try: R Wallace. Pens: Humphreys 7

(in Potchefstroom)

Queensland	27	Scotland	22

Queensland: Tries: Flatley, Little, Williams Cons: Drahm 3 Pens: Drahm 2. Scotland: Try: Brotherstone Con: Hodge Pens: Hodge 5.

(in Brisbane)

Thames Valley	10	Tonga	24

Thames Valley: Try: MacDonald Con: Steel Pen: Steel Tonga: Tries: Finau 2, Taumalolo, Malangi Cons: Tu'ihalamaka, Taumalolo.

(in Paeroa, New Zealand)

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 39 Coventry 50

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 61 Sheffield 29

PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round, third leg: Reading 33 Newport 22; Isle of Wight 21 Arena Essex 20. Overall standings: 1, Reading 83; 2, Newport 73; 3, Exeter 47; 4, Isle of Wight 44

TENNIS

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men: First round: V Voltchkov (Belg) bt L Milligan (GB) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, N Kulti (Swe) bt L Hewitt (Aus) 7-6, 7-5; S Iwabuchi (Japan) bt N. Cacak (Ger) 7-6, 6-2

NOTTINGHAM OPEN: First round: J Busilo (Sp) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-2, 6-2; D Prinosil (Ger) bt H Arazi (Mor) 6-3, 6-4, G Pozzi (It) bt M Rios (Chile) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; C Pioline (Fr) bt T Nydahl (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Clement (Fr) 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, J Golmard (Fr) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-2, 7-6; S Draper (Aus) bt J Gimelstob (US) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; G Canas (Arg) bt M Lee (GB) 6-1, 6-4, W Black (Zim) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 7-6, D Nestor (Can) bt G Bastl (Switz) 7-5, 6-3, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt M K Gotner (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, R Reneberg (US) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-4, 6-3.

EASTBOURNE: Direct Line Championships: First round: S Williams (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-4, 7-5, T Tanasugarn (Tha) bt A Miller (US) 6-4, 6-4, A Sugiyama (Japan) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-4, 6-4, N Zvereva (Bela) bt M A Vento (Ven) 7-5, 6-3; M de Swardt (SA) bt L Raymond (US) 6-0, 7-6, A Kournikova (Russ) bt A Fusai (Fr) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

ROSMALEN, Holland: Rosmalen Open: First round: T Snyder (US) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1, A Gersi (Cz) bt K Hrdlickova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4, S Appelmans (Bel) bt C Torrens-Valero (Sp) 6-2, 6-1

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance
county championship
11 0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Yorkshire
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Derbyshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Nottinghamshire
BATH: Somerset v Essex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
12 0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
1 0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire
Axa League
3.05, 40 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Surrey
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire. Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Durham First day of three: Pontefract: Glamorgan v Essex. Finchampstead: Hampshire v Derbyshire. Lensbury: Middlesex v Worcestershire Taunton: Somerset v Kent The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire Coventry and North Warwickshire: Warwickshire v Sussex.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Wisbech: Cambridgeshire v Northumberland Longton: Staffordshire v Buckinghamshire First day of two: Mount Wise, Plymouth: Devon v Cheshire

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Wimbledon qualifiers (in Roehampton). Nottingham Open, Direct Line Championships (in Eastbourne)

TENNIS

Rusedski's hopes recede again with tough draw

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE odds of Greg Rusedski winning Wimbledon are lengthening all the time. To add insult to his injured left ankle, Rusedski was given a mountain to climb when the Wimbledon draw was made yesterday.

No player would relish what confronts Rusedski should he recover from the ligament strain that he suffered in London last week. Seeded No 4, Rusedski's first opponent will be an as-yet unidentified qualifier with three previous grass-court victories under his belt.

His second-round opponent is likely to be Todd Martin, twice a Wimbledon semi-finalist, followed immediately by Todd Woodbridge, a semi-finalist last year and Rusedski's conqueror in the Australian Open in January. Beyond that lurks the menacing shadow of Goran Ivanisevic, seeded No 14 and twice a Wimbledon finalist, whom Rusedski has not mastered in eight encounters.

A quarter-finalist last year, Rusedski is to have the offending ankle scanned again today. "Greg has been drawn in a tough section," Tony Pickard, his coach, said yesterday, "but all draws are tough in the grand slams. At the moment, we are just looking to get him back on the court." A decision on his participation is not expected before the weekend.

Tim Henman's prospects of reaching the later stages are more encouraging. The British No 2, also a quarter-finalist last year, opens against Jiri Novak, world-ranked No 86, whose experience of grass is minimal. The No 12 seed is then projected to meet the winner of two qualifiers. Michael Chang and Pat Rafter, potential opponents in the last 16, are both out of form and beyond that is an enticing possible quarter-final with Andre Agassi.

Pete Sampras, the defending champion, will open the tournament on Monday against Dominik Hrbaty, of Slovakia, who took Sampras right to the wire in the Australian Open last year. Indeed, Sampras had to recover a service break in the fifth set to gain the verdict. Agassi, the champion in 1992 and seeded No 13 this time, opens against Alex Calatrava, one of 11 Spaniards to gain automatic entry on the strength of their rankings.

The pick of the men's singles first round is the contest between Yevgeny Kafelnikov, seeded No 7, and the big-serving Mark Philippoussis, of Australia. Coincidentally, Philippoussis was seeded No 7 when beaten by Rusedski in the first round last year. Kafelnikov, of Russia, arrives at Wimbledon in form, having triumphed in the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, Germany, on Sunday.

In the women's singles, Martina Hingis, the defending champion and top seed, has a difficult opening match against Lisa Raymond, world-ranked No 19. Raymond, one of only five players to beat Hingis last year, has twice reached the fourth round at Wimbledon.

The top half of the women's draw looks much the stronger section. It features all five of the teenage stars, Hingis included, but Anna Kournikova, seeded No 12, faces a demanding fortnight if she is to equal the semi-final appearance that she made on her Wimbledon debut 12 months ago.

Kournikova will probably meet Serena Williams in the third round, followed immediately by Serena's older sister, Venus, who is seeded No 7. If she survives those matches, the Russian is projected to play Jana Novotna, twice the losing finalist and seeded No 3 this time.

All of this is music to the ears of Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, both stationed in the lower half. Graf, seeded No 4, will almost certainly be making her last appearance at Wimbledon, where she holds seven singles titles. She is projected to meet Seles, seeded No 6, in the quarter-finals.

There will be at least one British woman in the second round after Karen Cross and Jo Ward, both granted wild cards, were paired in the opening round. Of the other British wild-card entrants, Julie Pullin, Louise Latimer and Lorna Woodroffe were all given realistic chances to progress when they were drawn against opponents ranked outside the top 100. The odd one out was Sam Smith, the British No 1, who faces Anna-Gaelle Sidot, a Frenchwoman ranked 62 places above Smith.

WIMBLEDON DRAW

* denotes seeded players

FIRST ROUND: Men: * P Sampras (US) v D Hrbaty (Slovakia); M Tillström (Swe) v M Washington (US); D Nestor (Can) v T Enqvist (Swe); S Draper (Aus) v R Schuttler (Ger); K Alami (Mor) v qualifier; M Damm (Cz) v Qualifier; R Vasek (Cz) v O Grosa (Ger); qualifier v * F Mantilla (Sp); * A Correjta (Sp) v J Gimelstob (US); J Knippschild (Ger) v M Woodforde (Aus); P Haarhuis (Holl) v J Tarango (US); G Kuerten (Br) v J Stoltenberg (Aus); L Arnold (Arg) v B Ullrach (Cz); qualifier v M Lee (GB); qualifier v K Carlsen (Den); M Philippoussis (Aus) v * Y Kafelnikov (Russ); * P Korda (Cz) v J Sánchez (Sp); S Campbell (US) v F Dewulf (Bel); D Sapsford (GB) v J Golmard (Fr); D Wheaton (US) v N Escudé (Fr); S Lareau (Can) v R Reneberg (US); J van Lottum (Holl) v G Raoux (Fr); T Haas (Ger) v R Delgado (Par); A Calatrava (Sp) v * A Agassi (US); * T Henman (GB) v J Novak (Cz); qualifier v qualifier; J-M Gambill (US) v S Schalken (Holl); B Black (Zim) v R Fromberg (Aus); M Petchey (GB) v M Gustafsson (Swe); J A Vilaca (Sp) v M Chang (US); T Nydahl (Swe) v H Gumy (Arg); qualifier v * P Rafter (Aus); * C Moya (Sp) v qualifier; A Richardson (GB) v M Arnaz (Mor); S Sargsian (Arm) v A Portas (Sp); M Filippini (Uru) v M Larsson (Swe); N Lapentti (Ec) v D Prinosil (Ger); J Siemerink (Holl) v S Dosedel (Cz); qualifier v J-A Marin (Sp); qualifier v * J Björkman (Swe); * G Ivanisevic (Cro) v G Stafford (SA); M Safin (Russ) v A Medvedev (Ukr); G Pozzi (It) v D Vacek (Cz); J Burillo (Sp) v M Göttner (Ger); T Woodbridge (Aus) v G Blanco (Sp); W Black (Zim) v L Paes (India); T Martin (US) v A Sa (Br); qualifier v * G Rusedski (GB); * C Pioline (Fr) v M Rosset (Switz), qualifier v C Wilkinson (GB); M Norman (Swe) v A Costa (Sp); A Clement (Fr) v W Ferreira (SA); J Alonso (Sp) v N Kiefer (Ger), H Dreekmann (Ger) v B Cowan (GB); qualifier v D Pescariu (Rom); B Steven (NZ) v * R Krajicek (Holl); * K Kucera (Slovakia) v qualifier; qualifier v M Tebbutt (Aus); M Puerta (Arg) v F Squillari (Arg); D Sanguinetti (It) v J van Herck (Bel); A Pavel (Rom) v V Spadea (US); J Courier (US) v T Johansson (Swe); M Sinner (Ger) v G Canas (Arg); F Clavet (Sp) v * M Rios (Chile)

Women: * M Hingis (Switz) v L Raymond (US); E Makarova (Russ) v qualifier; F Perfetti (It) v D Chladkova (Cz); Y Yoshida (Japan) v E Likhovtseva (Russ); K Cross (GB) v J Ward (GB); T Tanasugarn (Tha) v K Hrdlickova (Cz); qualifier v S Jeyaseelan (Can); H Sukova (Cz) v * P Schnyder (Switz); * D van Roost (Bel) v J Kruger (SA); N Dechy (Fr) v A Miller (US), L Latimer (GB) v J Kandarr (Ger); S Appelmans (Bel) v C Torrens-Valero (Sp), J Lee (US) v L Woodroffe (GB); A Sugiyama (Japan) v S Plischke (Austria), M Grzybowska (Pol) v R Dragomir (Rom); C Cristea (Rom) v * A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); * J Novotna (Cz) v S Kleinova (Cz); E Gagliardi (Switz) v T Panova (Russ); P Hy-Boulais (Can) v M Babel (Ger); C Morariu (US) v M Maruska (Austria); qualifier v I Gorrochategui (Arg), K Brandi (US) v Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan); B Rittner (Ger) v A Cocheteux (Fr), F Lubiani (It) v * I Spirlea (Rom); * A Kournikova (Russ) v K Po (US), A Glass (Ger) v V Ruano Pascual (Sp); L Golarsa (It) v S Williams (US); A Smashnova (Isr) v M Lucic (Cro); G Nielsen (US) v C Rubin (US); T Snyder (US) v L Nemackova (Cz); B Schett (Austria) v P Stoyanova (Bul); J Nejedly (Can) v * V Williams (US); * M Seles (US) v M A Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp); A Fusai (Fr) v K Studenikova (Slovakia); Y Basuki (Indo) v S Reeves (US); A Mauresmo (Fr) v qualifier, N Pratt (Austria) v J Capneti (US); L McNeil (US) v qualifier; S Noorlender (Holl) v O Lugina (Ukr); qualifier v * S Testud (Fr); * M Pierce (Fr) v E Tatarkova (Ukr); B Schwartz (Austria) v M de Swardt (SA); A Gersi (Cz) v A Carlsson (Swe), E Wagner (Ger) v M Oremans (Holl); N Miyagi (Japan) v J Pullin (GB); N Zvereva (Bela) v R McQuillan (Australia); H Nagyova (Slovakia) v A Frazier (US); G L Garcia (Sp) v * S Graf (Ger), * C Martinez (Sp) v S Farina (It); K Boogart (Holl) v M Seeki (Japan), M Diaz Oliva (Arg) v P Suarez (Arg); A-G Sidot (Fr) v S Smith (GB); Sung-Hee Park (S Kor) v J Halard-Decugis (Fr); O Barabanschikova (Bela) v A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr); I Majoli (Cro) v K Habsudova (Slovakia); qualifier v * N Tauziat (Fr); * A Coetzer (SA) v K-A Guse (Aus), N Sawamatsu (Japan) v S Poulus (Austria); Fang Li (China) v R Grande (It); M Serna (Sp) v qualifier; L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) v N Kijimuta (Japan); M A Vento (Ven) v S Cacic (US); S Pitkowski (Fr) v L Neiland (Lat); F Labat (Arg) v * L Davenport (US)


JOHN GICHIGI / ALLSPORT

Rios, the No 2 seed at Wimbledon, shows signs of strain as he makes an early exit at Nottingham

Rios fails to live up to Wimbledon ranking

MARCELO RIOS did little yesterday to indicate that he deserves a No 2 seeding at Wimbledon, putting up a miserable display to lose in the opening round of the Nottingham Open (Alix Ramsey writes). Playing Gianluca Pozzi, the world No 59 and the oldest man in the draw at 32, Rios won the first set before falling apart towards the end of the second and losing 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Rios admitted that he was mentally unprepared for the match and appeared to have given up entirely by the third set. Any points won on his own service seemed to be no more than an irritation as he sped towards an early exit.

British interest in the competition evaporated when Martin Lee lost 6-1, 6-4 to Guillermo Canas, from Argentina, and Barry Cowan went out to the veteran Richey Reneberg, from the United States, 6-4, 6-3.

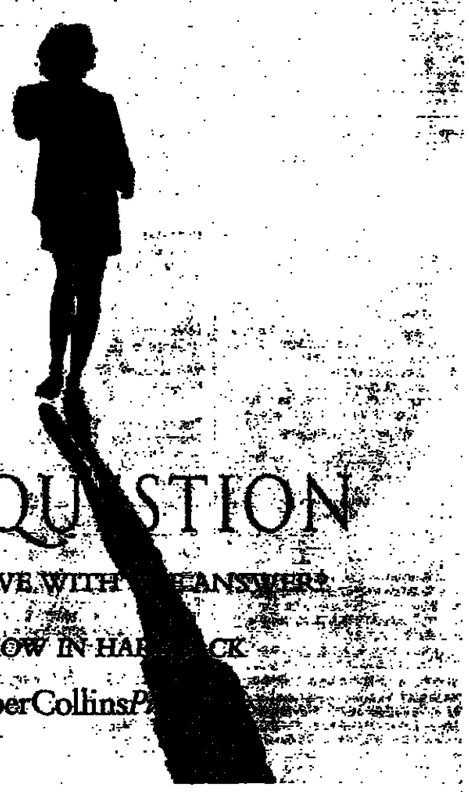
Sam Smith, the Great Britain No 1, yesterday reversed her recent defeat by Yayuk Basuki to advance to a second-round match with Steffi Graf at Eastbourne. Smith led 6-4, 3-3 when Basuki, of Indonesia, withdrew from the Direct Line Insurance championships with a stomach complaint.

The tournament opened yesterday with Serena Williams, younger sister of Venus, winning her first competitive match on grass against Naoko Sawamatsu, of Japan, in two tight sets. Victory for Williams today against Ai Sugiyama, also from Japan, will almost certainly set up a repeat of her ill-tempered French Open encounter with Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, seeded No 3.

Sánchez Vicario must first overcome the improving Tamarine Tanasugarn, who yesterday beat Anne Miller in straight sets. Anna Kournikova, seeded No 6, required a third set to dispose of Alexandra Fusai after the Frenchwoman raced away with the opening set. A Wimbledon semi-finalist last year, Kournikova prevailed 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

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THE QUESTION

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GOLF

Els fighting to be fit for US Open defence

SOON after 8am yesterday, Ernie Els ambled on to the 1st tee of the Lake course here on a bluff, 15 miles from San Francisco (John Hopkins writes). It was a glorious day, but there were clouds on Els's horizon as he prepares to defend his US Open title tomorrow.

Severe back pains had caused him to withdraw midway through the first round of a tournament in New York last week. Els sought advice and was prescribed remedial exercises and rest.

"It feels better than it did last week," Els said yesterday morning, after hitting some balls on the practice ground to loosen up. "I shall try and play 18 holes today and see what happens."

Els hit a very lazy looking drive on the 1st — which was more than could be said for Nick Faldo, his playing partner, who skied his drive, hit his second into the rough and hacked his third out short of the green.

These are difficult days for Faldo, who has not finished better than eighteenth on the USPGA Tour this year and can scarcely be less of a contender for the second major championship of the year. Els, on the other hand, has an astonishing record in the US Open. He has played in it five times and won it twice. He has broken par in eight of his 19 rounds and has a stroke average of 70.32.

Most US Open courses demand accuracy above all else and, in this respect, the Olympic Club is completely in keeping. The fairways are narrowed to an average of 30 yards and, although there is only one fairway bunker, there are thousands of trees. Most of all there is long, punishing rough. With the famous San Francisco fog forecast to roll in, it could be a long and difficult week.

Answers from page 35

SINGSPIEL
(c) A semi-dramatic performance in which song and dialogue alternate, popular in Germany in the latter part of the 18th century. A portmanteau from the German *singen* to sing + *spiel* play.

TILLICUM
(c) A member of one's own tribe or people. Also, in the plural, the people, common people. Also a friend. The Chinook jargon, from *t-* a plural prefix + *ilum* a village.

VERNEH
(c) Also spelled *verné*. A Caucasian pileless rug or kilim. Or an Anatolian brocaded rug. Origin unknown. "There are several varieties of the so-called bird verneh rugs."

YAYLA
(a) A summer camping-site in the mountains of Turkestan used by Kurdish and other semi-nomadic peoples; the encampment pitched there. "In the same country in winter the yaylahs will be deep under snow."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 f4+ Kh6 2 Re7! g5 3 Rc6+ Kh5 4 Re1 and the rook comes to the h-file giving mate.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Life at the sharp end

Children's Health: The Health Visitor
BBC2, 9.00pm

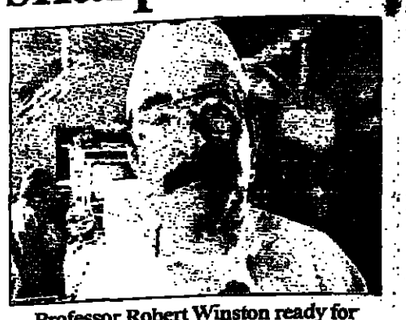
In paying tribute to what it calls the unsung heroes (usually heroines) of the NHS, this film offers uncomfortable reminders of some of the people our society has passed by. On the rounds of Angella Pinto, a health visitor in the Gloucester area, is a family with four children under five. Mark, the father, was brought up in a home, cannot read or write and has little prospect of getting a job. Yet he earns Pinto's respect for his efforts to do his best for his family, who include a two-year-old with temper tantrums. Pinto does not judge her clients, not even Sharon whose predicament, some might think, is largely self-inflicted. She has eight children, wanted to be sterilised but failed to keep the hospital appointments, and is expecting her ninth.

Stags and Hens
Channel 5, 9.45pm

Rob, Scott and Amanda are about to be married but first they must endure the ritual humiliations of the stag and hen party. Foolishly, perhaps, they allow the cameras to record their embarrassment. Boozing and stripping are much to the fore as Rob and his chums enjoy themselves in the North East. Scott makes his base in London and Amanda joins 14 of her mates for a weekend in Dublin. The three stories might have flowed better had they not been mixed together and the antics were probably funnier to the participants than they will be to viewers looking in from outside. But as a guide to mindless exhibitionism the film has a grisly fascination and some of the stunts, such as launching a terrified Scott on a bungee jump or confronting him with a tiger, are as enterprising as they are cruel.

The House Detectives
BBC2, 8.00pm

The long and slender Loch Eck in Argyllshire is the final destination for Juliet Morris and her experts, Judith Miller and Mac Dowdy, as they try to unearth the mysteries of a waterside hostelry, which, like most of the buildings in this series, promises to be much older than it looks. The detective work involves establishing the age of the Whistlefield Inn and explaining who, since it was established in the middle of nowhere, could have been its patrons. A secret tunnel and a massacre said to have taken place in the 17th century provide additional challenges. As usual most of the answers are found with what seems like very little difficulty. But for those interested in carrying out investigations of their own, there are useful pointers on where to try and what sources to use.


Professor Robert Winston ready for action in the theatre (BBC1, 10.20pm)

The Human Body
BBC1, 10.20pm

Like or hate Professor Robert Winston's series on human biology, you cannot accuse the man of standing on his dignity. Last week he braved a rollercoaster ride and in tonight's film he gets himself drunk on Cabernet Sauvignon. This mild debauch, during which the good professor gradually loses coherence, may be in the cause of science. It also has to do with somebody's bright idea for enlivening a discourse on the workings of the brain. And, since the brain itself is as appealing to look at as an outsize walnut, why not? Besides, although the brain does wonderful things, it is difficult to express this visually, beyond showing us which part of the walnut is responsible for what. All the same Winston's explanation of how the brain determines speech, vision, memory and the consciousness that marks us off as humans is clear and succint.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

On Watch
Radio 4, 11.02am

Paradox is all about us and the paradox here is that Neighbourhood Watch schemes have spread like mushrooms across the nation and yet there is on average one burglary every minute. This programme's (the first of a four part series) primary purpose is to chart the progress of Neighbourhood Watch, which began in a Cheshire village, Mollington, in 1982. There are now a staggering 161,000 schemes in Britain, according to Home Office figures, involving some 10 million people. There are undoubted successes, such as the case highlighted in today's programme in which a group of residents helped shift drug dealers out of a neighbourhood. That proved a crime truism: police investigate, the public solves.

Nationwide
Radio 5 Live, 4pm

BBC radio came late to the notion of drivetime programming but it has made up for lost time with Nationwide, the three-hour show that provided John Inverdale with his big break. It is now presented by Julian Worricker, who sounds a bit like Inverdale to the casual ear. But Worricker is his own man and although Nationwide's appeal to the general listener may be somewhat dissipated by the World Cup coverage, the programme is always fleet of foot. Even with major sport about Nationwide provides a nimble and comprehensive news service. There are occasions when the attempt to make national news of some local excitement falls flat but otherwise this is slick radio for a mobile population.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 Steve Lamacq; The Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Debbie Thrower 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Barraclough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 The Andy Peebles Soul Show 10.00 Johnnie Walker 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Kairina

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co Guest of the day and live commentary from Royal Ascot 4.00 Nationwide and World Cup 98 News and travel, plus racing from Royal Ascot and World Cup commentary on Chile v Austria in Group B 7.00 News Extra with David McNeil 7.30 World Cup 98 Italy v Cameroon 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Caimin Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am Bill and Kirsty 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Moz Dee's World Cup Phone-In 4.30 Scotland v Norway — Live Commentary 6.30 Moz Dee's World Cup Phone-In 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 World of Football 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Meridian Live 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Farming World 10.30 My First 100 Days 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 One Planet 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm World of Football 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Out for the Count 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Performance 4.30 Everywoman; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 From Our Own Correspondent; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 The Works 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack X-Press 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack X-Press 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Omnibus 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Books 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey Nick Bailey introduces music to ease listeners into the morning 8.00 Henry Kelly Michael Barry prepares baked glazed salmon. Plus, The Hall of Fame Hour 12.00 Lunchtime Requests Jane Jones with listeners' favourite pieces 2.00pm Concerto Vivaldi: Flute Concerto No 3 in D major, Il Gardellino 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.30 Newsnight Headlines, arts news and guests, presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven 9.00 Evening Concert Rossini: Overture, The Italian Girl in Algiers. Richard Strauss: Burleske. *Verdi: Messa da Requiem* 11.00 *Mann at Night* Late-night music 2.00am Concerto Vivaldi: Flute Concerto No 3 in D major, Il Gardellino (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths The Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air Stephanie Hughes with music and arts news, including a review of Ashley Page's new ballet which opened at the Barbican last night.
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Britten: Occasional Overture. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra/Simon Rattle. 9.08 Strauss: Burleske. Helene Grimaud, piano. German Symphony Orchestra/David Zinman. 9.31 Bizet: Carmen (Entracte: Act 4). Victoria de los Angeles, soprano. Nicolai Gedda, tenor, Ernest Blanc, baritone, Finnish Radio Choir and Orchestra/Thomas Beecham
10.30 Artist of the Week: Cecilia Bartoli.
11.00 Sound Stories: Five Biblical Characters with Donald Macleod. 3: Solomon
12.00 Composer of the Week: Beethoven Beethoven and Archduke Rudolph
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert From the New World.
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philharmonic. Conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, Peter Donohoe, piano. Stravinsky: Suite 'The Firebird' (1945). Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No 2 in G. Prokofiev: Suite 'Romeo and Juliet'
4.00 Choral Evensong Live from Truro Cathedral. Introit: Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd). Responses (Radcliffe), Psalm 119, vv41-56 (Hopkins). First Lesson: Joshua 9, vv3-end. Office Hymn: O lux beata trinitas (mode B)
5.00 In Tune Giles Swayne's new work 'The Silent Land' receives its world premiere at this year's Spitalfields Festival.
7.30 Performance on Three A concert given in April at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. Britten: Sinfonia/Stefan Ashby. Nancarrow: Tango. Zappa: Be-Bop. Tango: Get Whitey. John Adams: Chamber Symphony. Stravinsky: Tango; Ragtime. Nancarrow: Study for player piano Steve Reich: Music for Large Ensemble. Zappa: G-Spot
8.55 Postscript The Screenwriters — Hollywood in the 90s. Christopher Cook talks to five of Hollywood's most successful screenwriters.
9.20 Bingham Quartet Tchaikovsky: String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor, Op 30
10.00 The Piano The Greig and Grainger Connection
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Jazz Notes with Digby Fairweather
12.00 Composer of the Week: Charles Ives (Inventing America) Presented by Chris Wines. (Repeat) (r)
1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

6.00am Today with John Humphrys and James Naughtie. 7.45 Thought for the Day, with the Rt Rev Jim Thompson
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 (LW) Rejoins FM
9.00 Midweek
9.45 Serial: Boyhood George Baker reads JM Coetzee's moving account of a South African childhood, abridged by Katrin Williams (3/5)
9.45 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray
10.00 (LW) Rejoins FM
11.00 News; On Watch Part one. The costs of widespread burglary in Britain are enormous — in terms of both insurance and emotional distress
11.30 The Radio Detectives The Shadow Knows. In the last of five programmes about popular radio detectives, Jeffrey Richards unravels the history of Walter Gibson's legendary force against evil, The Shadow
12.00 News; You and Yours with Liz Barclay and Mark Whittaker
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.04pm (LW) Rejoins FM. (Approx time)
12.57 Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Worldly Wise with Peter Hobday (r)
2.00 News; The Archers (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Mary Something Takes the Veil By Charlotte Jones. A novice nun is about to take her final vows (r)
3.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time (r)
3.30 What's Yours is Mine Five very different couples talk to Rory Cellan-Jones about the part money plays in a relationship
3.45 Windrush: Talking Heads Native. Five short stories relating to the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the SS Windrush
4.00 News; Case Notes Graham Easton looks at what the healthcare system has to offer us. (Broadcast yesterday) (r)
4.30 Thinking Allowed Rituals, traditions and conventions are under threat.
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Charlie Lee-Potter
5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast
5.57 (LW) Rejoins FM
5.57 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Alan Davies Show
7.00 News, The Archers Usha is blissfully unaware
7.15 Front Row with Mark Lawson
7.45 Under One Roof: Stairway to Heaven By Michele Hanson and Jenny Landreth (r)
8.00 News; The Moral Maze
8.45 Maps for the Future Four programmes featuring speeches of inspiration and humour (r)
9.00 News; Costing the Earth Do we know what is in the products we use every day in our homes and gardens? (r)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Master Georgie. By Beryl Bainbridge (8/10)
11.00 Late Night on 4: The Way It Is
11.30 The Cheese Shop Presents The Butter Factor. New programmes from the comedy team (r)
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament
12.00 (LW) Rejoins FM
12.00 News including 12.27 approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: Psycho William Hope reads the dark thriller by Robert Bloch (8/8)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service
5.30 World News
5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast
5.45 Prayer for the Day with Andrew Graystone
5.47 Farming Today with Rachel Morgan

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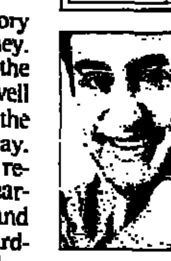
An inspiring instance of real girl power

Somebody whose face — by their own estimation — naturally looks like the fish-eye reflection you see when you look at yourself in the back of a spoon would seem to have been born with a perfect face for radio. This fact might help to explain why **Spoonface Steinberg**, which transferred to BBC2 last night, was the success it was when broadcast on Radio 4 in January last year.

The response was so enormous that fanciful tales flourished of road-diggers downing their drills and switching over from Radio 1 so that they, too, could follow the uplifting story of this wise but doomed young girl. The response was so enormous that the broadcast was repeated within weeks; so enormous that the play won six awards, including the Writers Guild Award for best original radio play. Look, the response was *so* enormous that it was crowned with the ultimate laurels of success: a tale, tailor-made for radio with its strange-looking narrator, was filmed for television. What *better illustration*, you might think, of all those digs that John Bird and Stephen Fry (playing the dejected and down-hearted controllers of Radio 4 and Radio 2, respectively) were making about radio being television's poor relation in BBC2's recent *In The Red*.

Radio is still deemed television's nursery slope. Next stop for *Spoonface Steinberg* is presumably a West End stage play, followed by a Tim Rice-Andrew Lloyd Webber musical (snappily retitled *Spoonface!*) and then a major motion picture in which Spoonface is turned from an autistic seven-year-old Jewish girl with untreatable cancer into a feisty twentysomething blonde (Gwyneth Paltrow) who is having difficulty juggling her career (juggling with autism and cancer didn't sit well with audiences in test screenings) and her love life (Johnny Depp).

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

Maybe Lee Hall's story will survive the journey. It certainly managed the transition to the screen well enough, though I'm not sure the trip necessarily improved the play. The suspension of disbelief required when hearing a seven-year-old talking so eloquently and maturely about her "backwardness" due to autism, about her terminal cancer and about her parents' fraught relationship isn't always helped by seeing the seven-year-old's face — tenderly as Ella Jones played Spoonface. On radio, the monologue developed a mystical quality. But such is the power of this brief, touching story that very quickly we stop feeling bothered by the improbability of such adult observations coming from such an immature and frail body.

Resisting the temptation to tinker, Hall and the director, Betsan Morris Evans, kept the play as an *interior monologue, once again* calling on Becky Simpson to provide the voice of Spoonface. The collage of images was interesting enough to complement the monologue, but *not so interesting that it* was distracting, nor so gloopy as to make the whole thing twee or mawkish. Best of all, Spoonface's observations continued to tip-toe daintily along the border of adult/child humour, as when she relates the constant puking and diarrhoea that followed her chemotherapy: "This was called a side-effect, but it affected all over."

How unlucky for the Government that just days after it announced plans partially to privatise Britain's air traffic control system, BBC2 should broadcast **Stacking Up Trouble** as part of its *Home Ground* documentary series. If Gordon Brown had entertained any hopes that the film might serve as a jaunty televisual prospectus for the Government's *share sale, he would have abandoned them pretty quickly*. One air traffic controller after another warned that the congestion, and hence the risk of a catastrophe, is *bad and getting worse*.

Here's just one of those controllers: "Flying is less safe than it used to be. Managers are trying to force more aircraft through, to the extent that sometimes we're dealing with so many planes we reach information overload. Many of us are concerned it could be one of us that makes that fatal error one day." Sheesh! It all sounded pretty petrifying, until a voice suddenly warned us that "the chance of being killed on a British flight is similar to the chance of being struck by lightning". The voice came in one of those slow, sturdy *tones that you know is supposed to* spook you. But its effect was in fact to undermine all the scary talk that sandwiched it. I mean, do you spend much time panicking about *being struck by lightning?*

In **One Foot In The Past** (BBC2), Kirsty Wark was doing her best to pooh-pooh *plans to commemorate the life of* Diana, Princess of Wales, by creating a new garden within Kensington Gardens. Wark pointed out that since Diana was "never really interested in gardens", it would be an inappropriate memorial. What's more, the uninspiring and underused Princess Grace memorial garden in Monte Carlo has created an unflattering precedent. Wark was steering us instead *towards two imposing monuments* in Windsor Castle chapels: one to Princess Charlotte, who died in childbirth in 1817, aged 21, and the other to Prince Albert Victor, *Queen Victoria's grandson, who* died in 1892. Imposing, but not for modern tastes. So what, then? "If a monument is to have enduring power and an historical truth," Wark said, "*it must* have the courage and the grit to embrace the real sentiments that were unleashed at the time." In that case, maybe the most fitting tribute to *Diana would be a statue of Mohamed* Al Fayed with a gag over his mouth to prevent him saying anything more about her until at least the new millennium.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (25825)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (88949)
9.00 All Over the Shop (r) (1969678)
9.20 Kilroy (T) (1778494)
10.00 The General (36096)
10.30 Royal Ascot Preview of the Coronation Stakes (37543)
11.00 News (T) and weather (2212123)
11.05 The Really Useful Show Summer make-up; losing weight; sunbed safety; fitness advice for mums-to-be (T) (1853833)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8209807)
12.05pm Wipeout (3745949)
12.30 Neighbours (T) (5137272)
12.55 Turning Points Sir Peter Crill (r) (46266678)
1.00 News (T) and weather (81036)
1.30 Regional News (97389253)
1.40 Royal Ascot The **2.30** Jersey Stakes, **3.05** Queen Mary Stakes and **3.45** Coronation Stakes. Continues on BBC2 at **4.00pm** (94966291)
4.00 World Cup 98 Live: Chile v Austria (Kick-off **4.30pm**). The first Group B encounter from St Etienne's Stade Geoffroy-Guichard (T) (237630)
6.30 News (T) and weather (562)
7.00 Regional News (6104)
7.30 Auntie's Big Bloomers Terry Wogan with clips from BBC programmes including *Top Gear, Bottom, Absolutely Fabulous* and *EastEnders* (388562)
7.50 EastEnders Bianca confronts Barry, accusing him of setting Robbie up (T) (996366) **8.20 The National Lottery Draw** Music by Matthew Marsden (T) (953185) **8.30 Children's Hospital** A two-hour operation on a youngster who stabbed himself in the leg; two 14-year-olds suffering from alcohol poisoning; and an 18-month-old cancer patient receives a check-up (T) (1659)
9.00 News (T) and weather (7949)
9.29 National Lottery Update (751340)
9.30 Out of Hours (5/6) Paul has a nightmarish ordeal on a rough housing estate but his girlfriend Louise is far from sympathetic (T) (507949)
10.20 The Human Body: Brain Power Professor Robert Winston demonstrates how the brain responds to various stimuli (T) (274369)
11.10 World Cup 98 — Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of Italy v Cameroon in Toulouse. Plus, another chance to see the crucial moments from Chile's clash with Austria (T) (953659)
WALES: 11.10 The Stereophonics in Concert (481017) **11.50** World Cup 98 - Match of the Day (589123) **12.50am** Royal Ascot Highlights (3313876) **1.10** News (2102857) **1.15** BBC News 24
12.10am Royal Ascot Highlights (4439147)
12.35 Blind Spot (1993) with Joanne Woodward, Laura Linney and Reed Diamond. An ambitious congresswoman fails to notice her daughter's descent into cocaine addiction (1235302)
2.05 Weather (3580760)
2.10 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Packaging Culture (7839272) **6.35** Teletel (2819388)
7.00 Teletubbies (r) (2986833) **7.25** Goober and the Ghost Chasers (2965340) **7.50** Bright Sparks (r) (T) (2696901) **8.15** Yogi's Space Race (7199765) **8.35** The Greedysaurus Gang (4248340)
9.10 Landmarks *(1956104)* **9.30** Pathways of Belief (8054949) **9.45** Words and Pictures (8042104) **10.00** Teletubbies (r) (27340) **10.30** Numbertime (1626253) **10.45** Marsalis on Music (8435104) **11.40** Watch Out (2281475) **11.55** Teaching Today (2927140)
12.30pm Working Lunch (75291) **1.00** Barney (r) (25511456) **1.05** Bananaman (r) (25510727) **1.10** Beautiful Things (14256814)
1.25 Gower's Cricket Monthly Previewing the Second Test at Lord's. Plus: profiles of the Warwickshire opener Nick Knight; and a look at the increasingly difficult role of the County Captain (7183727)
2.10 Today's the Day (93002415) **2.40** News (7193630) **2.45** Westminster (T) (3872727) **3.55** News
4.00 Royal Ascot The **4.20** Royal Hunt Cup (6827123) **4.35** Demon Headmaster (r) (T) (5714475) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2953299) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6239307) **5.35** Neighbours (r) (T) (262104) **6.00** The Simpsons (T) (513307)
6.45 Star Trek: The Next Generation (803727)
7.30 Leviathan *The British obsession with domes as sites of celebration* (388)
8.00 The House Detectives See Critic's Choice. Juliet Morris and the team investigate the history of an intriguing inn built on the shores of Loch Eck in Argyllshire. Last in series (3494)
8.30 Home Front The Young Designer of the Year finalists compete for the title. Last in series (2901)

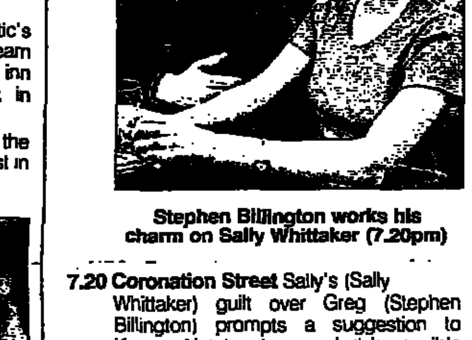


Health visitors Trish Green and Angella Pinto in Gloucester (9.00pm)

9.00 The Health Visitor Following two health-care workers, Trish *Green and Angella Pinto as they go about* their duties in Gloucester (T) (442272)
9.40 Survival Guide Exploring the learning difficulties experienced by dyslexic children (498369)
9.50 Every Breath You Take The physical and emotional experience of living with asthma (T) (750104)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (787543) **11.15** Made in Manchester (287217) **11.45** Natural Born Footballers (r) (T) (134307) **11.55** Weather **12.00** *Midnight Hour* (82505)
12.30am O U: Acid Politics (28031) **1.30** Magnetic Fields in Space (53708) **2.00** Schools: Science (25505) **4.00** World Cup French (43147) **5.00** RCN Nursing Update (95708) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (4082499) **5.45** O U: Nerves (39505)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (2559746)
9.25 This Morning *(T) (4360456)*
9.30 Vanessa (T) (1824104)
10.10 This Morning (T) (39894098)
12.15pm Regional News (1085543)
12.30 News (T) and weather (79017)
1.00 Shortland Street (76104) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (78388) **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (T) (4634185) **2.45** Walfie (718456)
3.15 News (T) (9088949)
3.20 Regional News *(T) (9078562)*
3.25 Potamus Park (5930) **3.35** Titch **3.45** Slim Pig (8900524) **4.00** Chatterhappy Ponies (6757659) **4.10** Garfield and Friends (r) (2065765) **4.25** Walter Melon (T) (5925727) **4.50** How 2 (r) (T) (9374663)
5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (3025949)
5.10 Sorted: Bereavement (T) (3025949)
5.40 News (T) and weather (147456)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (573123)
6.25 Regional News (654562)
6.50 Emmerdale Betty discovers the truth about Tara and Biff (T) (195494)



Stephen Billington works his charm on Sally Whittaker (7.20pm)

7.20 Coronation Street Sally's (Sally Whittaker) guilt over Greg (Stephen Billington) prompts a suggestion to Kevin, *Natalie learns Judy's terrible* secret (T) (591814)
7.50 World Cup 98 Live: Italy v Cameroon Action from Montpellier. Plus: the goals from Chile v Austria (T) (46888185)
10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (47920)
10.30 Regional News (T) (800543)
10.40 Wednesday Night Live Late-night debate with Nicky Campbell and Mary Nightingale (528727)
11.40 Renegade: Charlie Reno is left to look after a streetwise six-year-old after her father unwittingly gets involved in a money-laundering operation (584678)
12.40 Full Moon In Blue Water (1988) with Gene Hackman, Teri Garr and Burgess *Meredith. Drama about a self-pitying man* whose life is at rock bottom. His wife is missing, presumed dead; numerous creditors are trying to track him down; and he struggles to look after his wheelchair-bound father. Can a new woman in his life offer salvation? Directed by Peter Masterson (182437)
2.20 One Summer in Whitby Real-life soap opera about seven people's lives during one summer season in the fishing town (T) (2195147)
2.50 Vanessa (r) (T) (9238692)
3.30 Cybernet (40741)
4.00 Planet Rock Profiles (61234)
4.30 ITV Nightscreen (26166)
5.00 Coronation Street *(r) (T) (82234)*
5.30 News (70760)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm A Country Practice *(76104)*
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5515036)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3025949)
6.25-6.50 Central News (654562)
11.40 Absolutely Loaded (694104)
12.10am Pulling Power (3941944)
12.45 FILM: Full Moon in Blue Water (165760)
2.30 One Summer in Whitby (66789)
3.00 Vanessa (9968470)
3.35 Cybernet (86197383)
4.05 Central Jobfinder '98 (9799789)
5.20 Asian Eye (5868302)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm Westcountry News (1085543)
12.27-12.30 Illuminations (1459320)
1.00 Emmerdale (76104)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5515036)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3025949)
6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (591185)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.15-12.30 News and Weather (1085543)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3025949)
5.50 Meridian Tonight (261475)
6.20-6.50 Alfresco Outdoor Eating (559543)

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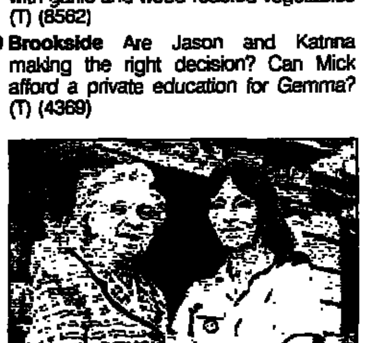
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1.00-1.30 Hope and Gloria *(76104)*
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3025949)
5.50 Home and Away (144291)
6.25-6.50 Anglia News (654562)
11.40 Swift Justice (584678)

S4C

Starts: **6.00 Sesame Street** (94185) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (71659) **9.00 Planning for Primary RE** (3681415) **9.45 Book Box** (8037272) **10.00 Stage Two Science** (1983982) **10.15 Rat-A-Tat-Tat** (1906833) **10.30 Lisa Looks Back** (3321681) **10.45 Geography Junction** (4076974) **11.00 First Edition** (8043611) **11.15 The Mix** (8066562)
11.30 Powerhouse *(1524)*
12.00pm Ricki Lake (44833)
12.30 Sesame Street (77659)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (14252098)
1.15 Smot y Cl (14240253)
1.30 Pas a Deux (76470123)
1.35 FILM: Salome (54981369)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (956)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (543)
4.30 Countdown (727)
5.00 5 Pump (9031104)
5.15 Ffeil (5103712)
5.30 Pet Rescue (307)
6.00 Newyddion 6 (911369)
6.10 Heno (588611)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (400123)
7.25 garej (689369)
8.00 Hawlio (8562)
8.30 Newyddion (4369)
9.00 Frasier (8889)
9.30 Friends (80123)
10.00 Brookside (636185)
10.35 Ally McBeal (539833)
11.30 Reggae Boyz Go Global (46185)
12.30am The Infirmary (20499)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (94185)
7.00 The Big Breakfast *(T) (71659)*
9.00 Schools: Planning for Primary RE (3681415) **9.45** Book Box (8037272) **10.00** Stage Two Science (1983982) **10.15** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (1906833) **10.30** Lisa Looks Back (3321681) **10.45** Geography Junction (4076974) **11.00** First Edition IV (8043611) **11.15** The Mix (8066562) **11.30 Powerhouse** (T) (1524) **12.00** Sesame Street (44833) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (r) (66122)
1.30 What Price Glory? (1952) First World War comedy drama with James Cagney Dan Dailey and Corinne Calvet. Directed by John Ford (T) (31765)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge Ludlow castle (T) (956) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (543) **4.30** Countdown (T) (5700272) **4.55** Ricki Lake. Freaks Come Out For Their Families (T) (7572253)
5.30 Pet Rescue A goose with back to front wings (T) (307)
6.00 Party of Five: True of False Bailey discovers that Annie has hit the bottle once more (T) (599727)
6.50 Fresh Pop (235746)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (340833)
7.50 The Windrush Years Norwell Roberts, who became Britain's first black policeman (T) (533185)
8.00 The Italian Kitchen (3/6) Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray make creative use of vegetables: borlotti beans with celery, tomato and chilli; mashed broad beans with garlic and wood-roasted vegetables (T) (8562)
8.30 Brookside Are Jason and Katrina making the right decision? Can Mick afford a private education for Gemma? (T) (4369)



Recollections from Clarice Bell and Barbara Charlesworth (9.00pm)

9.00 Cradle to Grave: The Infirmary Charting the 50-year history of the NHS through the experiences of the Manchester Royal Infirmary (T) (9272)
10.00 Ally McBeal: The Kiss Ally experiences a confusing first date with a client; and joins forces with Georgia to represent a television presenter ousted because of her age and sex (994611)
10.55 Jo Whiley (791746)
11.40 Weekly Planet Jon Snow returns with a new series of the live topical discussion show. Two years after the Dayton peace accord we are on the brink of another blakan war (509123)
1.15am A Day In the Death of Joe Egg *(1971) Alan Bates stars in Peter Medak's* powerful adaptation of Peter Nicol's moving black comedy-drama (628147)
3.15 Nothing But the Best (1964) Classic British black comedy with Alan Bates. Directed by Clive Donner (929302)
5.05 Trans World Sport (9533499)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (8114036)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (8397307) **7.30** Milkshake! (3390524) **7.35** Wind in the Willows (2120562) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (4423727) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (4422098)
9.00 Realm of the Polar Bear (r) (T) (4446678) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show *(r) (4975543)* **10.20** *Sunset Beach (T)* (8885901) **11.10** Leeza (7347889) **12.00** 5 News at Noon (T) (4426814) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4330727) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8396678) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (4339098) **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (4312299) **2.30** Open House with Gloria Hunniford (9452562)
3.30 Snow Job (1972) with Jean-Claude Killy, Daniele Gaubert and Cliff Potts. Comic drama about a skiing instructor who teams up with two crooks to rob the resort where he works. Directed by George Englund (6663901)
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show Interviews with the Canadian singer Celine Dion and David Schwimmer, star of *Friends* (1390630)
6.00 100 Per Cent (7325825)
6.30 Family Affairs Roy turns up at the cottage (T) (3620217)
7.00 5 News (T) (9032585)
7.30 The Pepsi Chart The latest music from the charts (1725681)
8.00 Switched at Birth Concluding the two-part drama about two girls who were accidently parted from their real parents at birth. The Twiggs hire a lawyer who advises them to sue the hospital (56329659)



Groom Scott is greeted by his best man Paul after his jump (9.45pm)

9.45 Stags and Hens Documentary following three parties, two stag and one hen, as they go through their differing pre-nuptial *celebrations in London, Dublin and* Newcastle (T) (7256543)
10.45 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (8618272)
11.25 Compromising Situations: First-Time Caller (4620630)
12.00 Major League Baseball — Live Coverage of a mid-week game (24454031)
4.40am Monsters (13600383)
5.05 Throb (r) (12249383)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6024383)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (22307) **7.30** Games World (6723253) **7.45** Simpsons (36765) **8.15** Oprah (1119475) **9.00** Hotel (72475) **10.00** Another World (82518) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (10562) **12.00** Married with Children (71901) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (2987253) **12.55** Special K Collection (38275794) **1.00** Geraldo (4371949) **1.55** Special K Collection (41087833) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (6081123) **2.55** Special K Collection (4898494) **3.00** Jenny Jones (4241807) **3.55** Special K Collection (4339920) **4.00** Oprah (13901) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (1185) **6.00** The Nanny (6746) **6.30** Married with Children (7098) **7.00** Simpsons (2814) **7.30** Simpsons (6962) **8.00** Stargate SG-1 (46727) **9.00** Outer Limits (59291) **10.00** Friends (72830) **10.30** Friends (96678) **11.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (56217) **12.00** L.A.P.D. (24505) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (90845) **1.00** Long Play

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SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59) **Batman & Robin (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Gridlock'd (1997)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Nelly and Monsieur Arnaud (1995) (52833) **8.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears (1995)** (86985494) **9.35 Project X (1987)** (42256727) **11.25 Jane Eyre (1996)** (81410302) **1.25pm Goldilocks and the Three Bears (1995)** (15750562) **3.00 Time to Say Goodbye? (1997)** (99386) **5.00 Project X (1987)** (87562) **7.00 Jane Eyre (1996)** (97611) **9.00 Nixon (1995)** (77254307) **12.10am Proteus (1995)** (197234) **1.50 The Forgotten One (1990)** (965789) **3.30 Castle Freak (1994)** (655344)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997) (50475) **8.00 Burning Secret (1988)** (82291) **10.00 The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery (1996)** (72235) **12.00 Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997)** (72814) **2.00pm Burning Secret (1988)** (41272) **4.00 Cornered (1945)** (4658) **6.00 The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery (1996)** (80494) **8.00 Nick of Time (1995)** (33253) **10.00 Shadow Zone: The Undead Express (1996)** (921901) **11.40 Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (1995)** (442217) **1.35am Four Rooms (1995)** (975166) **3.15 Halloween V: The Revenge of Michael Myers (1989)** (450657) **5.00 Off On a Comet (1979)** (54031)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Holiday Affair (1949) (7141017) **6.00 The Front Page (1975)** (1515765) **8.00 The Swarm (1978)** (1587982) **10.00 Die Hard (1988)** (51906543) **12.15am Candyman (1992)** (8001654) **1.55 Kung Fu: The Legend Continues (1993)** (8704654) **3.30 The Flower of My Secret (1995)** (5112586) **5.15** Close

TNT

9.00pm Forbidden Planet (1956) (48443340) **11.00 Mad Love (1935)** (11557272) **12.30am King's Row (1942)** (97877215) **3.00 Forbidden Planet (1956)** (46296437) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (3417494) **7.15** Wrestling (591901) **8.15** Sports Centre (2793982) **8.30** Racing News (52098) **9.00** Aerobics (76678) **9.30** NHL Ice Hockey (15901) **11.00** Sports *Unlimited (50104)* **12.00** Aerobics (56814) **12.30pm** Pool (45388) **2.30** NHL Ice Hockey (82388) **4.00** Wrestling (59727) **6.00** Live Sunday League Cricket (1717475) **10.00** World Cup Phone-In (476765) **10.45** Sports Centre (528776) **11.00** *Snooker: Premier League* (43123) **1.00am** Sports Centre (7308692) **1.15** World of Super League (817166) **3.15** World Cup Phone-In (3988437) **4.00** Sports Centre (34721499) **4.15** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (8963369) **7.30** Sports Centre (6981475) **7.45** Racing News (3887291) **8.15** Fastrax (1645272) **8.45** Sports Centre (9921291) **9.00** Fish TV (8450562) **10.00** Women's Golf: Oldsmobile Classic (4809765) **12.00** Golf: US Open (4979524) ***1.00pm*** *Golf* Extra (1530765) **4.30** Snooker: Premier League (5764123) **6.30** Winning Post Live (9298293) **8.30** Golf Extra (5171098) **12.00** Euro Tour Golf Weekly (6407470) **12.30am** Sports Centre (9861654) **12.45** Watersports World (8849760) **1.45** Sports Centre (67723166)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling (62395611) **1.00pm** Fish TV (50694340) **1.30** Live Tennis: Nottingham Open (18020678) **6.00** NHL Ice Hockey (97855291) **7.30** Euro Tour Golf Weekly (36299340) **8.00** World of Super League (48453727) **10.00** Pots of Gold (30380185) **10.30** Dickie Davies' Sporting Heroes (11576307) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

6.00am World Cup Premiere (55253) **7.30** World Cup — Le Mix (8015369) **11.00** Rendez-Vous France 98 (45272) **12.00** World Cup — Le Mix (80920) **1.30pm** Tennis: Heineken Trophy — Live (29765) **3.00** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland — Live (65388) **4.00** Chile v Austria — Live (419272) **6.30** World Cup — Le Match (91036) **8.00** Athletics (86369) **9.00** Pool: World Trickshot *Championship* (99803) **10.00** Chile v Austria (84659) **12.00** World Cup Journal (59215) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (2888475) **7.30** Neighbours *(8690307)* **7.55** *EastEnders* (5282291) **8.30** The Bill (3860949) **9.30** Juliet Bravo (3356814) **10.30** The Sullivans (7325765) **11.00** Dallas (2460017) **11.55** Neighbours (29811253) **12.25pm** EastEnders (3019543) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7647659) **2.00** Dallas (5553456) **2.55** The Bill (1897253) **3.25** The Bill (7425543) **3.55** Juliet Bravo (6059920) **4.55** EastEnders (2750630) **5.30** Wowlabgroovy (7582123) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7650123) **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine (4950475) **7.40** Waiting for God *(5992678)* ***8.20*** *Butterflies* (2015543) **9.00** One Foot in the Grave (8782659) **9.40** Silent Witness (9247562) **11.35** The Bill (3748340) **12.05am** The Bill (8014673) **12.35** Paul Merton: The Series (9592609) **1.05** Spitting Image (3648708) **1.35** Chelmsford 123 (91403789) **2.00** The Equalizer (5378234) **2.55** Shopping (95982963)

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6.00am The Box (2301036) **7.00** E! Uncut (7727494) **7.30** Coronation St (7706901) **8.00** Dempsey & Makepeace (2722611)



Charlotte Gainsbourg stars in Franco Zeffirelli's *Jane Eyre* (Sky Movies 1, 7.00pm)

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6.00am Lamb Chop's Playalong! **6.30** Jungle Cubs **7.00** Quack Pack **7.30** Recess **8.00** Disney's *Football Fever '98* **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa **9.00** Aladdin: The Series **9.30** Quack Pack **10.00** Microscopic Milton **10.05** Amazing Animals **10.30** Sesame Street **11.30** Winnie the Pooh **11.45** Tots TV **12.00** Little Hippo **12.10pm** Let's Wiggle! **12.15** Animal Shelf **12.30** Rosie and Jim **12.45** Small Stones **12.50** Bear in the Big Blue House **1.20** Winnie the Pooh **1.35** Chip 'n' Dale **2.00** Goof Troop **2.30** Jungle Cubs **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa **3.30** Brand Spanking New Doug **4.00** Pepper Ann **4.30** Recess **5.00** Smart Guy ***5.30*** *Student Bodies* ***6.00*** *Teen Angel* **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00 FILM: The Westing Game** **8.30** The Wonder Years **9.00** Touched by an Angel **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am *Power Rangers Zeo* ***7.00*** *X Men* **7.25** Casper **7.35** Mortal Kombat **8.00** Goosebumps **8.25** Sam and Max **8.35** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** Grimm's Fairy Tales **10.00** Pinocchio **10.30** Peter Pan **11.00** Oliver Twist **11.30** Huckleberry Finn **12.00** Gulliver's Travels **12.30pm** Eek! Stravaganza **12.42** The Mouse and the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Sam and Max **1.30** Samurai Pizza Cats **2.00** Eagle Riders **2.30** Conan **3.00** Fantastic Four **3.30** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** The Incredible Hulk **4.50** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eerie, Indiana **5.50** Sam and Max **6.00** Goosebumps **6.25** Sweet Valley High **6.50** Home to Rent **7.00** Close

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula **6.30** The Littlest Pet Shop **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Oscar's Orchestra **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear etc **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** Franklin **2.00** Papa Beaver **2.30** CBBC **3.30** Doug **4.00** Pippi Longstocking **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan & Kel **6.00** Sabrina **6.30** Alien Strange **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

7.00am Earthworm Jim **7.30** USA High **8.00** Saved by the Bell: The College Years ***8.30*** *California Dreams* ***9.00*** *Hang Time* **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Ready or Not **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's in the Jeans **2.45** On the Make **3.00** Sweat **3.30** Ready or Not **4.00** Fresh Prince of Bel Air **4.30** Saved by the Bell: The College Years **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** California Dreams **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Blast **7.00** USA High **7.30** Fresh Prince of Bel Air

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm *Crosswits* ***5.45*** *Family Fortunes* **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen to One **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Trivial Pursuit **12.00** Sale of the Century **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** Sweet Justice **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** The Big Valley **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (3411098) **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8498678) **9.30** Cops (7657036) **10.00** Italian Stripping *Housewives (7302814)* ***10.30*** *World Cup* Uncovered (7311562) **11.00 FILM: Hard Edge (1997)** (3412833) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (4224692) **1.30** Italian Stripping Housewives (3469741) **2.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (7517012) **2.30** Cops (7536147) **3.00 FILM: Story of a Cloistered Nun (1973)** (7774418) **5.00** The A-Team (7249296)

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7.00pm Clueless (9758) **7.30** Roseanne (7494) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (9746) **8.30** Caroline in the City (8253) **9.00** Cybill (46253) **9.30** Ellen (93833) **10.00** Frasier (55185) **10.30** Cheers (64833) **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus (58098) **11.30** Unnatural Acts (10098) **12.00** Nurses (62789) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (17741) **1.00** Frasier (57505) **1.30** Cheers (62925) **2.00** Caroline in the City (32857) **2.30** Unnatural Acts (44692) **3.00** Roseanne (37741) **3.30** Cybill (35944)

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8.00pm Quantum Leap (9003630) **9.00** PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (9023494) ***10.00*** ***FILM: Apollo 11 (1996)*** (1034475) **12.00** Sightings (1356505) **1.00am** Battlestar Galactica (9583942) **2.00** Friday the 13th (7590079) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (7930499) **3.30** Dark Shadows (1140673) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am A Brush with Ashley **9.25** The Home and Leisure House **9.30** The Garden Show **10.00** Grassroots **10.30** New Yankee Workshop **11.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing World **11.30** Homeume **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** This Old House **1.00** A Cook's Journey **1.30** Furniture on the Mend **2.00** This Old House **2.30** Tool Time **3.00** Wilson's World **3.30** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures II **4.30** Zoo Story **5.00** First Flights **5.30** History's Turning Points **6.00** Animal Doctor **6.30** Deadly Australians **7.00** Deadly Australians **7.30** Disaster **8.00** Animal X **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe **9.00** Ultimate Guide **10.00** Crocodile *Hunter* ***11.00*** *Outlaws* ***12.00*** *First Flights* **12.30am** Disaster **1.00** Science Detectives II **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Bulls, Bikinis and Bonebreakers ***7.30*** *The Orphanages* **8.00** A World with Dolphins **9.00** The Man Who Wasn't Darwin **9.30** Mystery of the Whale Lagoon **10.00** Treasures from the Past **11.00** Wash and Brush Up: The Animals' Guide to Grooming **12.00** The Drifting Museum **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL

12.00 Reel World **12.30pm** On The Horizon **1.00** On The Loose In Wildest Africa **1.30** North Of Naples, South Of Rome **2.00** On Tour **2.30** The Great Escape **3.00** Innocent Abroad **3.30** Oceania **4.00** Whicker's World **4.30** Go Greece **5.00** On The Loose In Wildest Africa **5.30** Worldwide Guide **6.00** North Of Naples, South Of Rome **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Reel World **7.30** On The Horizon **8.00** Go Portugal **8.30** The Flavours Of France **9.00** From The Orinoco To The Andes **10.00** The Great Escape **10.30** The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **11.00** Worldwide Guide **11.30** Oceania

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Victory at Sea **4.30** Men in Crisis **5.00** The Changing Face of Britain **6.00** Ancient Mysteries **7.00** Biography: Bette Davis **8.00** Close

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6.30am Kalgeer Bao **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Ghoomta Aaina **8.00** News **8.30** Bunyaad **9.00** Manabi **9.30** Out & About **10.00** Tara **11.00** Low Cal **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** FILM **3.00pm** Hum Aapke Hain Woh **3.30** Daraar **4.00** Campus **4.30** Liberty **5.00** Chalo Cinema **5.30** Mr Mintoo **6.00** Banegi Apni Baat **6.30** All Time Hits **7.00** Yehi Hai Zindagi **7.30** Baat Ban Jaaye **8.00** News **8.30** Dastaan **9.00** Play **10.00** Business **10.30** Amaanat **11.00** Purush Kshetra



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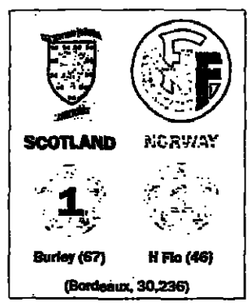
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TOMORROW
David Elleray brings the World Cup referees to book



Draw against Norway keeps dreams of World Cup progress alive

Scotland sated by Burley's chip



FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

CRAIG BURLEY'S wish was granted and, with it, the aspirations of his country were rescued from extinction. Once Norway had taken the lead yesterday, Burley was taken from his position on the right and placed in the attacking role in midfield that he fills with menace for his club, Celtic. Burley's equaliser, in the 65th minute, ensures that Scotland can still qualify for the second round.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, doubts whether Burley is adroit enough for the elaborations of the midfield duel in international football, but there are aspects of the player's character that count for as much as the technique that others may possess. The sense of adventure that he possesses cannot be implanted on any coaching ground.

It is a form of confidence with which Burley was born. There is an aura of purpose about the runs that he makes into attack, as if he assumes that goals await him at the end of the long sprints. So it has been with Celtic and so, yesterday, it was with Scotland, when he pursued a long ball by Weir, who had come on as a replacement six minutes earlier.

The purposefulness allowed him to exploit the miscalculation of Johnsen, who failed to intercept and, obliged to turn, could only stare at the sight of Burley bursting clear to clip a shot over Grodas, the goalkeeper. The mood of the match had swung, but, from that goal onwards, the satisfaction resided with Scotland. At full-time, it was Norway who appeared disconsolate.

The Scotland supporters chose to linger and to sing, but their team will still be rueful. This was an occasion that they had always thought would suit them. The suspicion was borne out and there was frustration that an entirely feasible victory could not be grasped.

At the opening game of the World Cup, a week ago, the atmosphere was so sedate that cucumber sandwiches ought to have been served. Yesterday, there was a contest to gnaw upon. There was even a meatiness to the manner in which both sets of supporters bawled out their respective national anthems. Protocol had been expelled from those formalities before kick-off and they became instead an exercise in passion.

The conviction that was shared equally by the crowd became the sole property of Scotland when the game began. In a fever of endeavour, Brown's side ought to have taken the lead in the opening moments. Later, they were to be deprived of a penalty when the referee awarded a free kick just outside the area after Bjornebye's foul on Durie, in the sixteenth minute, that seemed to have been committed inside the box.

In almost every respect, Scotland were then the more impressive team, their tactics fitting as elegantly as a bespoke suit. Brown, unusually, had fielded a back four, but Dailly, as required, dropped back on the left flank to act as a fifth defender and thwart Norway's efforts to launch Havard Flo into that area. Blocking the opposition did not require too much of their attention.

Egil Olsen's side were uncharacteristically diffident. The Fifa rankings may bill Norway as a side far superior to Scotland, but the players themselves found it impossible to see themselves in that light. Norway, for a while could do no more than look fretful while men such as Collins coaxed passes around.

Even when functioning with apparent smoothness, however, there tends to be a glitch in Scotland's displays. Goals never come readily. Human error explained the failing when Dailly, in the fourth minute, guided a header wide after Collins's cross from the right had left them him a sumptuous opportunity. More troubling still were some innate limitations.

The athleticism of Dailly on the left made Norway gasp in distress, but the Derby County player is right-footed and had to pause and haul the ball back before he could flight it into the area. The slight pause and the angle of delivery frequently came to the assistance of defenders. In a competition as exalted as a World Cup, little failings can take their toll.

Norway, improbably, might even have been ahead before the interval. Solbakken's slanted pass had put Strand clear in the 22nd minute, but the angle was testing and Leighton, the goalkeeper, was able to block.

Olsen's side plug away at procedures that have kept them unbeaten since January, 1997 and it was Scotland's vigilance that flagged in the first minute of the second half. Calderwood could not prevent Riseth from pulling the ball over from the left and Dailly, at the back post, paused for the split-second that allowed Havard Flo to hurl himself in and head home.

Inevitably, the effect was dispiriting, but the current of vitality flowed too strongly in the Scotland side for stagnation to last.

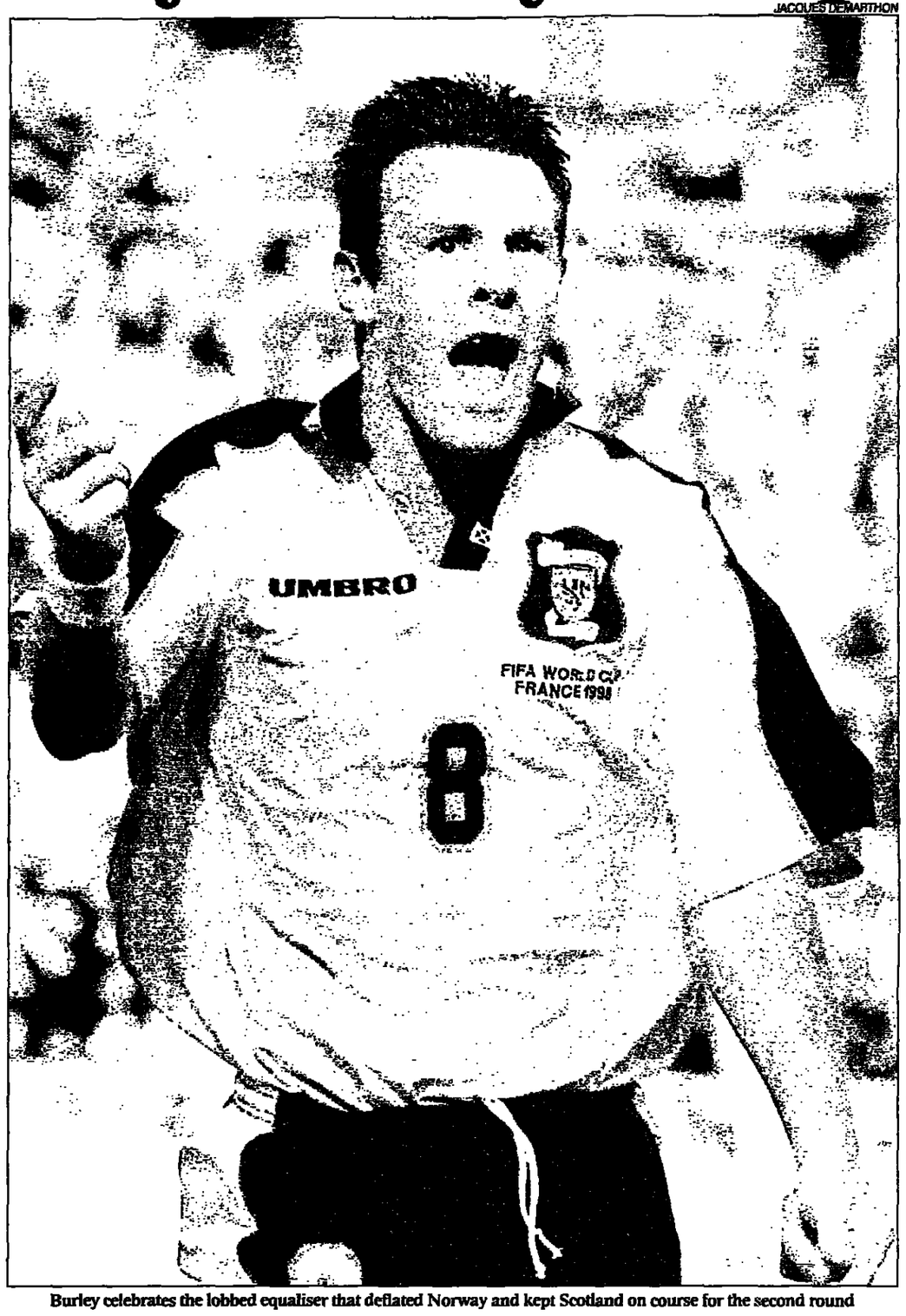
With Burley in an advanced position, Gallacher and Durie finally had the extra support required to deal with their workload. The match might even have been won, in the 73rd minute, when Durie squared from the left and Burley steadied himself before pummelling the drive that rose sufficiently to allow Grodas to make a good save.

Scotland will be heartened by the powers of recovery that they found, but the incisiveness will have to be sustained if they are to record the victory, over Morocco, that could take them into the second round.

SCOTLAND (4-3-1-2): J Leighton (Aberdeen) — C Burley (Celtic), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur; sub, D Weir, Heart of Midlothian, 59min), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), T Boyd (Celtic) — P Lambert (Celtic), J Collins (AS Monaco), C Dailly (Derby County) — D Jackson (Celtic, sub J McNamara, Celtic, 61) — K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), G Durie (Rangers).

NORWAY (4-5-1): F Grodas (Tottenham Hotspur) — H Berg (Manchester United, sub G Halle, Leeds United, 81), D Eggen (Celta Vigo), R Johnsen (Manchester United), S F Bjornebye (Liverpool) — H Flo (Werder Bremen, sub J Jakobsen, Rosenborg, 80), R Strand (Rosenborg), K Rekdal (Hertha Berlin), S Solbakken (Aalborg), V Riseth (Linz; sub, E Ostenstad, Southampton, 71) — T A Flo (Chelsea)

Referee: L Vagner (Hungary)



JACQUES DEMARTHON

Burley celebrates the lobbed equaliser that deflated Norway and kept Scotland on course for the second round

Brown optimistic of reaching next round

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, remained defiantly optimistic that his country could qualify for the second round for the first time. The Scotland party left Bordeaux knowing that, if Brazil beat Morocco last night and Norway next Tuesday, they would reach the knockout stages by defeating the Africans.

"We are still in it and we will be fighting to the end," Brown said. "We have a habit of coming back. I would love to think that sometime we will get ahead in a game and then, I think, we can go from strength to strength."

Brown said that he felt the only time Scotland were "out of the game" was for ten minutes after the Norwegians scored. "I thought we were in charge for the remainder of the match," he added.

Egil Olsen, the Norway coach, begged to differ. "We had complete control until we lost the goal," he said. "But we are still in with a chance."

Fifa chief unhappy at the lack of red cards

BY MATT DICKINSON

REFEREES at the World Cup have been told by the most powerful man in the game that they are not implementing Fifa's new hard-line instructions on tackles from behind. Despite widespread relief that the tournament has not been damaged by a plethora of red cards, as had been expected, Sepp Blatter, the next president of Fifa, yesterday ordered tougher sanctions against bad fouls.

"They are not applying the ban on tackles from behind," Blatter said. "It is not up to them to decide how fouls should be interpreted. There have been tackles from behind so far that deserved red cards."

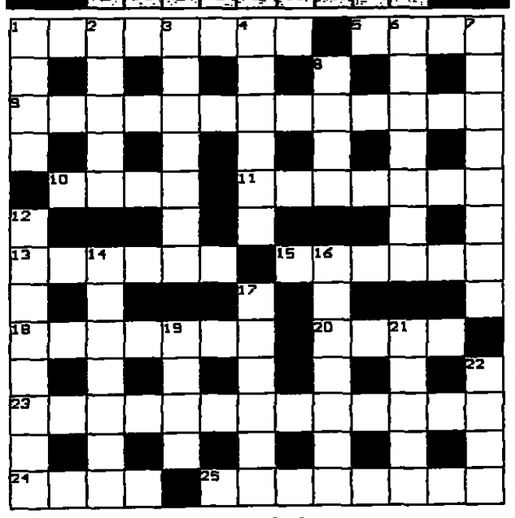
Only three players have been dismissed so far in the tournament and just one of those, Ha Seok-ju, of South Korea, fell under the new guidelines that demand a red card for a tackle that "endangers the safety of an opponent". Anatoli Nankov, of Bulgaria, and Patrick Kluivert, the Holland forward, are the other players to be dismissed.

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Some spread bet companies fix their odds on the expectation of a dismissal per game. The warning of a refereeing crackdown appears to have persuaded the game's most fearsome defenders to exercise a little caution, but not enough for Blatter's liking. Nor do his complaints end there. "The goalkeepers are keeping the ball longer than allowed and I have not seen one referee punish them," he said.

However, David Will, the chairman of the referees' committee, said: "Everybody has agreed that the standard of refereeing has been extremely high with very few serious mistakes. There will always be one or two exceptions, but in principle we are happy with how the new guidelines have been followed. Players and coaches have learnt and there has been less deliberate and brutal tackling from the back."

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24 Labyrinth (4)
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One-track minds force reluctant Scholes into media spotlight

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN LA BAULE

THERE was only one diversion at the England training camp here yesterday. It was noted that neither Alan Shearer nor Tony Adams had taken part in training.

Glenn Hoddle put it down to "sore feet" sustained in the win over Tunisia on Monday, which seemed somewhat spurious. More may become apparent later in the week.

But, yesterday, nobody pushed it. Yesterday, nobody wanted to talk about anybody but Paul Scholes.

Hoddle made a brave attempt to include Shearer in the songs of praise that were being offered up after England's convincing opening victory in Marseilles, but, in the end, even he had to accept defeat and embark on an analysis of the multiple attributes of the midfield player who has stolen the "boy wonder" sobriquet away from Michael Owen.

The England coach opined that, although Shearer was "probably the best finisher I have ever played with or worked with", his movement could still be improved. On Scholes, though, he admitted that the only problem he had was in making sure he lavished sufficient praise on him to build up his confidence.

Scholes, with Sol Campbell, was the outstanding England player in the 2-0 victory that sent them to the top of group G — above Romania, who beat Colombia. Yet the Manchester United midfield player's late, curling goal sealed his status as man-of-the-match and prompted suggestions that he could be this World Cup's version of Paul Gascoigne at his peak.

"Scholesy knows how much I think of him," Hoddle said, "and I think he responds to that. Sometimes you have to tell young players just how talented they are and I can do that with this lad.

"I can build him up because he is a character that needs that to bring him out of himself. There are others where you have to knock them down a bit."

Later, Teddy Sheringham was asked to expand on the same theme. Sheringham should really have been afforded his own moment in the sun, because of the way he responded to the threat to his place from Owen. A typically inventive, creatively unselfish performance suggested that the Manchester United man may be on his way back to his best.

As a colleague of Scholes at Old Trafford, he is better placed than most to analyse his strengths and, although he was reluctant to praise him too extravagantly, lest he put him under more pressure than necessary, he admitted that there was something different about the ginger-haired dynamo.

"He is not your typical footballer," Sheringham said with a wry smile that implied a degree of self-criticism. "I don't think people know much about him and, if you do not know much about him, you cannot dig anywhere, can you?

"It helps me a lot having him in the side because his runs create space all over the place. I love his awareness on the pitch. How good is he? Let's just say he's very good."

Sheringham was also candid about the fallout from his misdemeanours in Portugal a fortnight ago and his fears that his early-morning capers in a night-club might have cost him his place in the team against Tunisia.

"With all the trouble over the last couple of weeks, it makes you wonder," Sheringham said. "When I was left out of the warm-up game in Caen, I was worried, yes. With all the hullabaloo, it had occurred to me that I might have put my place in jeopardy.

"There was a bit of interference from outside, but I did not do myself any favours. It was lovely to hear that I was playing because it was something I wanted badly."

That, though, is in the past and Hoddle's mind was veering towards the future yesterday. "We have made a good start," he said. "It was the one that we wanted, the one that we were hoping for.

"It is good to get playing and to get people talking about us and we want to build on this in the games against Romania and Colombia. One swallow does not make a summer."

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